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JAPANESE RAIDER REPORTED SHOT DOWN

FOREIGNERS SEE RUNNING FIGHT ABOVE HANKOW

5,000 Students Narrowly Escape Death From Bombs

Hankow, Feb. 9. Chinese sources state that one Japanese plane was shot down during yesterday's raid on Hankow. The machine allegedly crashed in a ditch at Hsiahsinchi, 35 kilometres north of Hankow.

Damage as a result of the bombing was negligible, although one Chinese soldier was killed at Hanyang.

Foreigners who watched the raid from the oil companies' installations, tell of an exciting dog-fight which lasted ten minutes. It appears one of the raiders became detached from the formation, whereupon Chinese pursuit planes made a bee-line for it. The Japanese zoomed upward, but the pursuit followed.

In the end the raider appeared to come down a few miles away. But he was lost to view. The report immediately circulated that a Japanese plane had crashed, but no definite confirmation was available.

The oil installations are situated about six miles down-river from Hankow, which is just about where the Chinese machines would wait for the raiders to cut them off.

5,000 Students Endangered
Over 5,000 Chinese students had a narrow escape when the bombers came over. They had gathered in Chungshan Park, situated next to the airfield, to celebrate "Youth Day," in connection with the world peace movement and were just about to commence the ceremonies when the first Japanese planes appeared. Fortunately no bombs were dropped on the park and after the raiders had left the students paraded the streets of the city.

Hankow Raided
Eleven Japanese planes raided Hankow yesterday at 3 p.m. They bombed Hanyang and Chiao-kow, a suburb, scattering their missiles along the railway and lines of communication instead of concentrating them upon the airfield as previously.

The raiders evidently avoided the vigilant look-outs, for they appeared (Continued on Page 12.)

FOREIGN POLICY IS UNAFFECTED

German Assurances To France

Paris, Feb. 8. It is understood that the German Ambassador to Paris has informed M. Yvon Delbos that the recent reforms in Germany implied no change in Germany's foreign policy. The President of the French Foreign Affairs Committee stated that he could see nothing to be alarmed over in the change in the German Government, and added that it was doing what Britain, France, the Soviet and other nations had done in other words to institute a concentration of authority.—Reuter.

NO NAVY ALLIANCE FOR U.S.

OFFICIAL DENIAL IN SENATE Senator Warns Democracies

Washington, Feb. 8. Senator Key Pittman tensely and dramatically read to the Senate today Mr. Cordell Hull's letter, which stated "The answer is No!" referring to each of the three questions contained in Senator Hiram Johnson's resolution as to whether there was an understanding or agreement with Britain, whether there was an alliance with any power, and whether there was an agreement to use the American navy, or an agreement for the navy to patrol certain waters in a certain contingency.

Senator Pittman then moved that the resolution be withdrawn, and Senator Johnson said: "I consider the matter answered, but I do not desire to withdraw."

As a result of this the Senate indefinitely postponed the resolution, which was tantamount to killing it.

DICTATORS CONDEMNED
Earlier on in an unusually frank discussion on international affairs, Senator Pittman said that "world conditions are progressively becoming worse. So-called authorities have been consolidating and strengthening their war instrumentalities, and democratic nations have been progressively retreating with every indication of such courses would have the inevitable result of continued conquests and ultimate war, in which the so-called democracies would be at a disadvantage."

Senator Pittman charged that world conditions had become worse since the Japanese military clique seized rule by "arbitrary power and violence," and he said that Japan was "availing" a definite answer to naval construction enquiries. The denial that Japan was planning to build 43,000-ton battleships did not mean that she would not build 42,000 tonners.

Japanese Defends Bombing Incidents In China

WINE AFTER BATTLE



These battle-grimed soldiers of Japan pause during operations between Wushu and Nanking for refreshment—hot sake.

CHINESE GENERAL GIVES OUTLINE OF CHINA'S NEW WAR STRATEGIES

Hankow, Feb. 9. General Chou En-la, famed "go-between" for Communists and Central Government armies, described to the press to-day the changed Chinese strategy and foretold a period of wild and dispersed warfare not aimed at defending Hsuehchow but preventing the Japanese from consolidating their positions along the coast and on the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

The Chinese plan envisages the following moves:
1. With a strong but not large defending force at Hsuehchow they will draw the enemy's attention and disperse his strength;
2. They will march a strong force into position in the rear of the enemy and in order to prevent his marching on Hsuehchow will cut his supply lines;
3. They will organise mobile units to locate and keep contact with the Japanese forces for the purpose of learning the point of attack on Hsuehchow;
4. They will organise the masses of the people to retard the Japanese by attacking small garrisons;
5. Since the Japanese strength is centred along the Tientsin-Pukow railway, all fronts are now synchronised with the defence lines in that sector so as to divide attention and make difficult an attack at any one point.

General Chou says the Central Government aims at defeating the attacking forces in the north-west, around Ninghsia, in the south-west, in Kwangtung, where Chinese troops are at present sufficient. Thus the Japanese would be diverted to save their expeditions in other spheres and their strength on the Tientsin-Pukow line might suffer. This railway must be held by every means at China's disposal, he says. China plans to wage war on every front.—United Press.

MR. HULL'S DENIAL
Washington, Feb. 8. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a letter to Senator Key Pittman, denied that the United States had any agreement with Britain "relating to war or the possibility of war." He also denied that the United States was bound with any power in connection with the operations of the United States. Senator Pittman read the letter to the Senate.—Reuter.

CHINESE CLOSING ON WUHU

Official Reports Put Attackers Three Miles Away

(Special to "Telegraph")

Hankow, Feb. 9. It is officially reported that the Chinese attack on Wuhu is now within three miles of that city.

An unconfirmed report states that Chinese planes raided the Japanese lines there and severely pounded the defending troops.—United Press.

SURPRISE ATTACK

Hsuehchow, Feb. 9. A Chinese "dare-to-die" corps made a surprise attack on the Japanese troops at Fengyang at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Armed with hand grenades the Chinese soldiers stealthily stole near the Japanese camps and hurled their explosives. It is claimed 300 were killed and 20 truckloads of ammunition were destroyed.

Japanese troops launched an attack on the Chinese positions at Liufu, west of the railway, yesterday afternoon. After a two-hour brisk engagement, Chinese reinforcements arrived and drove back the invaders who left 300 dead on the battlefield.

The Chinese losses were also great. Chinese military circles state that the Japanese sustained considerable losses on February 7 when a squadron of Chinese planes bombed Japanese positions at Fengpu and Hsuehchow.—Central News.

NO MAJOR CHANGE

Hsuehchow, Feb. 9. Despite many clashes, there has been no major change on the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front during the last two days.

In anticipation of a major battle the Chinese military command has rushed heavy reinforcements to the north bank of the Hwai River and has ordered the defence works there to be strengthened.

Military observers believe that the main objective of the Japanese drive is still Hsuehchow, the strategic junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Lung-hai Railways. Besides a frontal attack on the railway, they will continue their flanking movement west of the railway. Their activities west of Hsuehchow indicate their intention to outflank the Chinese troops.—Central News.

STOP PRESS

NON-INTERVENTION WORK SPEED-UP

London, Feb. 8. Possible acceleration in the progress of the Non-Intervention Committee, it is understood, was discussed today, when Lord Plymouth saw separately at the Foreign Office Mr. Corbin of France, Signor Grandi of Italy and M. Van Malak of Russia. Lord Plymouth will see the German Charge d'Affaires to-morrow, and the Non-Intervention Sub-Committee will meet on Friday or early next week.—Reuter.

SHAMEEN HEARS EXPLOSION OF BOMBS

Canton, Feb. 9. The air raid alarm sounded shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, and later several explosions were heard in the district by Shameen residents.

LONDON AUDIENCE TOLD REPORTS EXAGGERATED

British Mediation In Far East Unlikely, Says Baron Tomii

London, Feb. 8. Official quarters in London are not inclined to attach importance to the rumours of British mediation in the Far East, which is regarded as unlikely.

"Can you justify the bombing of Shanghai and other towns?" was the question put to Baron Tomii, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy in London when he addressed the "1912 Club" in London to-day.

Baron Tomii replied that the bombing incidents in China were much exaggerated. Two hundred casualties in one town were magnified to 3,000. In 1923 Japan proposed to abolish airbombing, but the proposal was defeated, due to Britain and France. The Japanese army had sacrificed strategic advantages to warm towns before bombing, of what would be their military objectives in those towns. The objectives had always been military points, and they had done their best to avoid bombing civilian populations.—Reuter.

Singapore Naval Base Satisfies

Accommodation Is Sufficient

London, Feb. 8. Can the Singapore Naval Base accommodate three 50,000 ton battleships at the same time, was the speculative question put by Mr. R. T. Gorn at question time in the House of Commons to-day. Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, in reply, said that so far as he was aware, no vessels of that type existed. While it would not be in the public interest to publish details, the British Government was satisfied that the accommodation at Singapore was sufficient for the demands likely to be made on it.—Reuter.

Japanese Win Flour Monopoly

Big Commercial Coup Effectuated In Shantung

Tokyo, Feb. 8. A new flour manufacturing concern, known as the Shantung Flour Manufacturing Company, with a capital of ¥1,500,000, is soon to be established in Shantung. Sixty per cent. of the capital is being subscribed by the Nitto Seifun Kaisha of Tokyo, and the remainder by the Chen Kee Flour Company of Tsinan.

The enterprises of the latter company are being taken over by the new concern.

The Chen Kee, which is under Chinese management, is now producing 2,000 barrels of flour daily, while the Nitto Seifun Kaisha is at present operating seven Chinese companies in Shihchichang, Taiyuan and Changchi, as trustee in co-operation with the Japanese authorities on the spot. These companies are producing 1,000 barrels of flour per day.—Reuter.

FRANCE ANXIOUS ABOUT BATTLESHIPS

Paris, Feb. 8. The French note to Japan on naval construction which was published to-day, is similar, but not identical to the British and American notes, the chief difference being that it contains no fixed date for which a reply is requested.—Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN TO SEE PARIS

Accept Invitation For Mid-Summer

London, Feb. 9. It is officially announced that their Majesties the King and Queen have accepted with much pleasure the invitation of the French President, M. Lebrun, to pay a state visit from June 28 to July 1.

"GOOD LUCK" WISH BY OPPOSITION TO EIRE GOVERNMENT

Dublin, Feb. 8. The annual convention of the Cosgrave Party will be held in private. It is understood that this will be done in order to avoid embarrassing the Eire Government in its present negotiations with the British Government.

1,400 FOREIGNERS IN THREE YANGTSE CITIES

Hankow, Feb. 9. A careful and conservative estimate from authoritative sources shows that between 1,300 and 1,400 foreign residents are now in the Wahan cities of Hankow, Hanyang and Wuchang. The figures are exclusive of the personnel of foreign gunboats in port.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATS' RECEPTION IS CANCELLED

Berlin, Feb. 8. Baron von Neurath's annual reception to the diplomatic corps, fixed for next Sunday and Monday, has been suddenly cancelled.

The official reason is that the reception clashed with other arrangements.—Reuter.

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and paste it
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Cookery Book

LEMON CURD

THIS is a useful standby for tartlets and sandwiches. Put 1lb. of butter into a saucepan, let it melt slowly then stir in a pound of caster sugar and the juice and finely grated yellow part of the rind of four lemons. Stir in four beaten eggs and cook very slowly, stirring well, until the curd thickens, then put into small jars and cover. It is important not to let the mixture boil hard after the eggs have been added, or curdling will take place.

Orange curd can be made in the same way, using three oranges and one lemon in place of four lemons.

For a change in tarts, make short-crust pastry cases, put a teaspoonful of finely chopped candied peel at the bottom, cover with lemon or orange curd, top with meringue mixture, and dredge caster sugar over before browning lightly in the oven.

Finnish Tea-Parties

THE women of Finland are very fond of entertaining, and, as they make perfect hostesses, tea-parties are a popular form of entertainment in Finland during the winter. The Finns are by no means rich people, and the housekeeper has to manage on a small allowance, so she does not entertain in an extravagant fashion.

As electricity is cheap, the women can make their flats warm and comfortable at very little cost. Coloured lights make the Finnish homes look charming at night.

The tea-party is a jolly affair. It usually begins about seven o'clock and lasts till ten or eleven. The hostess never overflows her room with guests, and she knows the art of creating an atmosphere of friendliness.

Tea is served in glasses with lemon. A Finnish teapot is a weird-looking affair. There are two storeys. The upper storey is filled with boiling water.

A side table is laden with all kinds of delicious sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, fruits, and sweets. You eat all evening at a Finnish tea-party.

Every guest takes a present of fruit, cake, sweets, or flowers to the hostess. Flowers and much appreciated, for they are scarce and expensive during the long cold winter. Finnish women like all kinds of flowers. They depend upon them to decorate their rooms, which seldom have any ornaments or even pictures in them.

When saying "good-bye" you always thank your hostess for the good things you have eaten, especially mentioning anything that has taken your fancy which you have not tasted before.

If you meet your hostess in the street next day you must stop and shake hands with her and thank her again for her kind hospitality.

M. W.

Reducing Noise in the Home

THIS is an age of noise and bustle, but it is the minor household noises that play havoc with the frayed nerves of the housewife. Sudden piercing noises thrust themselves upon our attention, and quite often they are easily remedied.

The slamming of a door, that comes almost like a box on the ears, can so easily be put right. Yet how often is it taken as something we have to put up with? A drop of oil on the lock and a little rubber door-stop will work wonders.

Shrieking windows that need vicious jerks to get up or down will glide quite freely with the aid of a little lard and some oil on the pulleys. The one that rattles can be fixed in a second with a couple of small wedges.

We all know the shrill squeak that is inherent in moving furniture. It

is just another of those things that "can't be helped." Just another case where a little oil on the casters would mean a little less wear on jaded nerves.

While attending to inside doors, do not forget the front gate that heralds callers with a whine and a clatter. If it slams too hard, the spring needs adjusting until it only just shuts, and half the noise is gone at once. A very loose latch may be another source of noise. Give the hinges a little attention with that universal remedy, the oil-can, and they will no longer whine a welcome to visitors.

It is surprising how fenders improve when these small, irritating things are remedied.

Make up your mind to go round all the household irritants at the

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JUNIOR COLUMN Ever tried thought-reading?

TRY a little thought-reading with your friends; they will think you are a wizard. Sit down a little distance from your audience. Have half-a-dozen small sheets of paper and a pencil on a table in front of you.

earliest opportunity, for if you put it off they will never be banished.

Celia Chase

Baked Halibut

WHEN time is precious, here is a very simple way of serving halibut.

Butter a shallow fire-proof dish. Wipe 2 steaks of halibut, and rub both sides with lemon juice. Then sprinkle with pepper, salt, and paprika, and place in dish. Mix a tablespoon tomato ketchup with the same quantity of water and pour over the fish. Cover with buttered paper, and bake for 30 minutes, basting once or twice. Remove the paper, sprinkle grated cheese over, and brown in the oven or under the grill.

Invite your audience to give the name of any animal. When this is given write it down on the first piece of paper. Ask for another name and write on another sheet, and so on, until each sheet has been written upon.

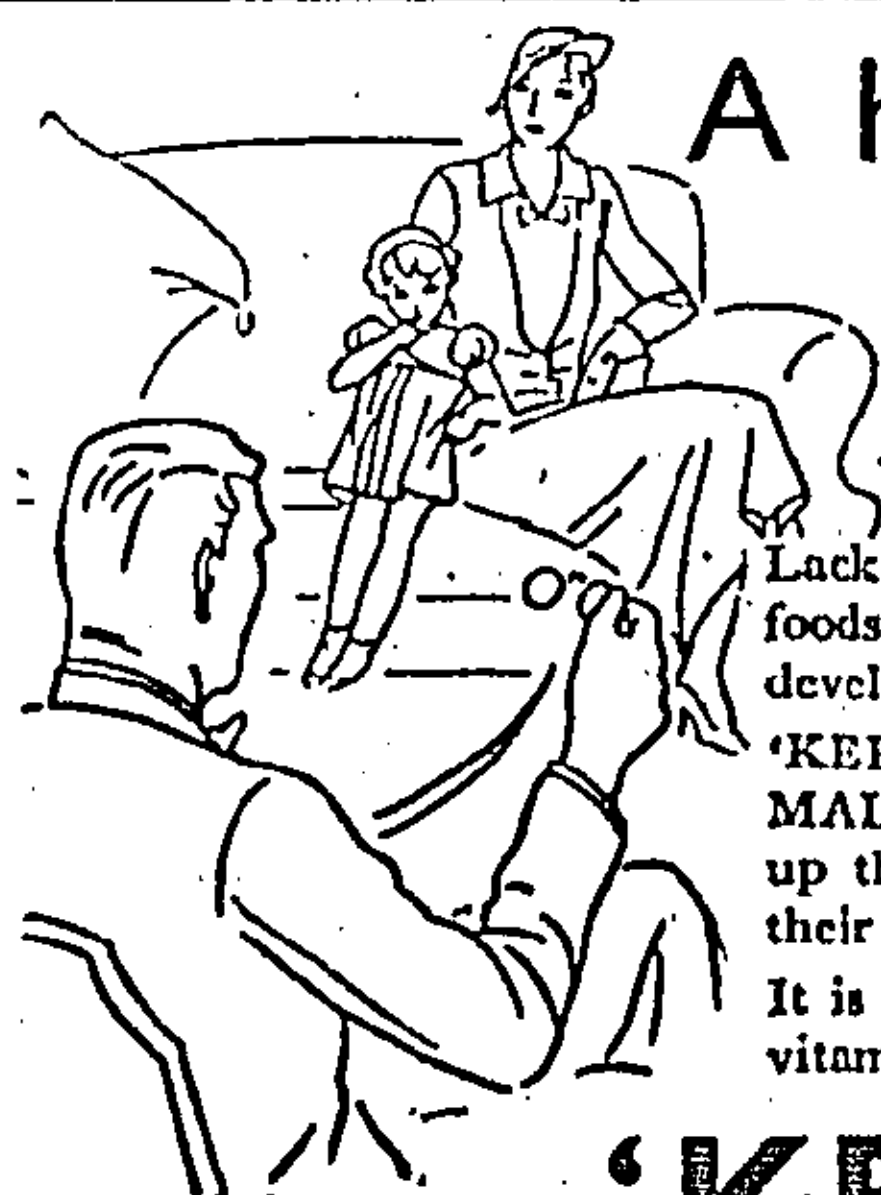
Now fold each piece of paper neatly and drop them into a hat. Mix them well, and then ask some one to take out one of the papers and hold it still folded. Then take the remaining five sheets and tear them to tiny pieces and scatter them on a plate.

Tell your audience that in the scraps you can read the name written on the selected paper. When you announce the name, the paper will be opened and found to be correct.

The secret of this trick is that you write down the first name given to you, and after that, no matter what names are called out, you write on the pieces of paper the one first given.

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THERE are three paramount factors which govern our health—fresh air, diet, and exercise.

Fresh air is essential if the full benefit of the exercises is to be reaped. Therefore, in the summer, exercise, if you can, out of doors, and in the winter always with an open window before you.

Culture from the mental, physical, and beauty point of view is necessary, and one should not be allowed to develop at the expense of the other. I do not recommend daily exercises as a substitute for sport. The two are entirely different, and each is supplementary to the other. Exercises of a purely remedial and medicinal nature are performed for a purpose—that of benefiting the strength and the figure. I would go so far as to say that a certain number of exercises, performed every day, are a necessity to all women.

The exercises which I am going to suggest should be called your daily "half-dozen," for there are six of them. They should be performed, if possible, before your bath in the morning. Take a warm bath (not too hot), and follow it with a cold sponge down, which is splendid for maintaining the circulation induced by the exercises.

Rhythmic Exercises

Each of the exercises is calculated to promote—either good circulation (which gives a clear skin), respiration, which induces even chest development; and, thirdly, massage of the internal organs, which aids sound and healthy digestion. In addition, the heart, lungs and joints are kept in good condition, and even development of the figure ensured. They are simple and easy to perform, and in each there is a certain rhythm which gives infinite satisfaction. Do them every morning; make them a habit; it is the greatest persuasive force in the world.

(1) Take a firm stance, with the feet well parted and the right hand on the hip. Swing the free arm backwards in a circular motion over

the shoulder, repeating this twelve times, as though this stiff arm were the sail of a windmill. This exercise promotes circulation, and develops the upper arm and shoulder. Repeat this exercise twelve times with each arm.

(2) With the hands on the hips, raise yourself on the toes and bend the knees backwards twelve times, keeping the back straight and the head erect. This keeps the leg muscles and joints supple and promotes circulation. Do the exercise as quickly as you can.

Strengthening the Muscles

(3) With the hands on the hips and the feet wide apart, bend the body about halfway forward. From this position bend it sideways, backwards, and sideways again to complete a circle to the first position. Repeat this rotary movement of the trunk six times in each direction. It is a strong developer of the abdominal muscles and the small of the back. It is a powerful aid to circulation.

(4) Lie on the chest with the hands close to the sides and the forehead touching the ground. Raise the head and shoulders as far as possible, making an arch of the back. Repeat this half a dozen times to beautify and strengthen the whole back.

(5) Lie on the back with the hands behind the head. Raise the knees to the chest as far as possible, then straighten them and lower them very slowly. This exercise is of great benefit to the digestive organs and the internal "works," particularly the liver.

(6) With the feet raised and the hands to the side, slowly raise the arms above the head, breathing in deeply and keeping the arms straight. Bend the body forward, breathing out at the same time and reaching under the legs with the hands. From this position raise the body once more, the hands coming first, at the same time breathing deeply in, until the arms are above the head once more. Lower the arms to the side and breathe out. Repeat this exercise six times. This ensures flexibility of the spine and full development of the chest and lungs and back.

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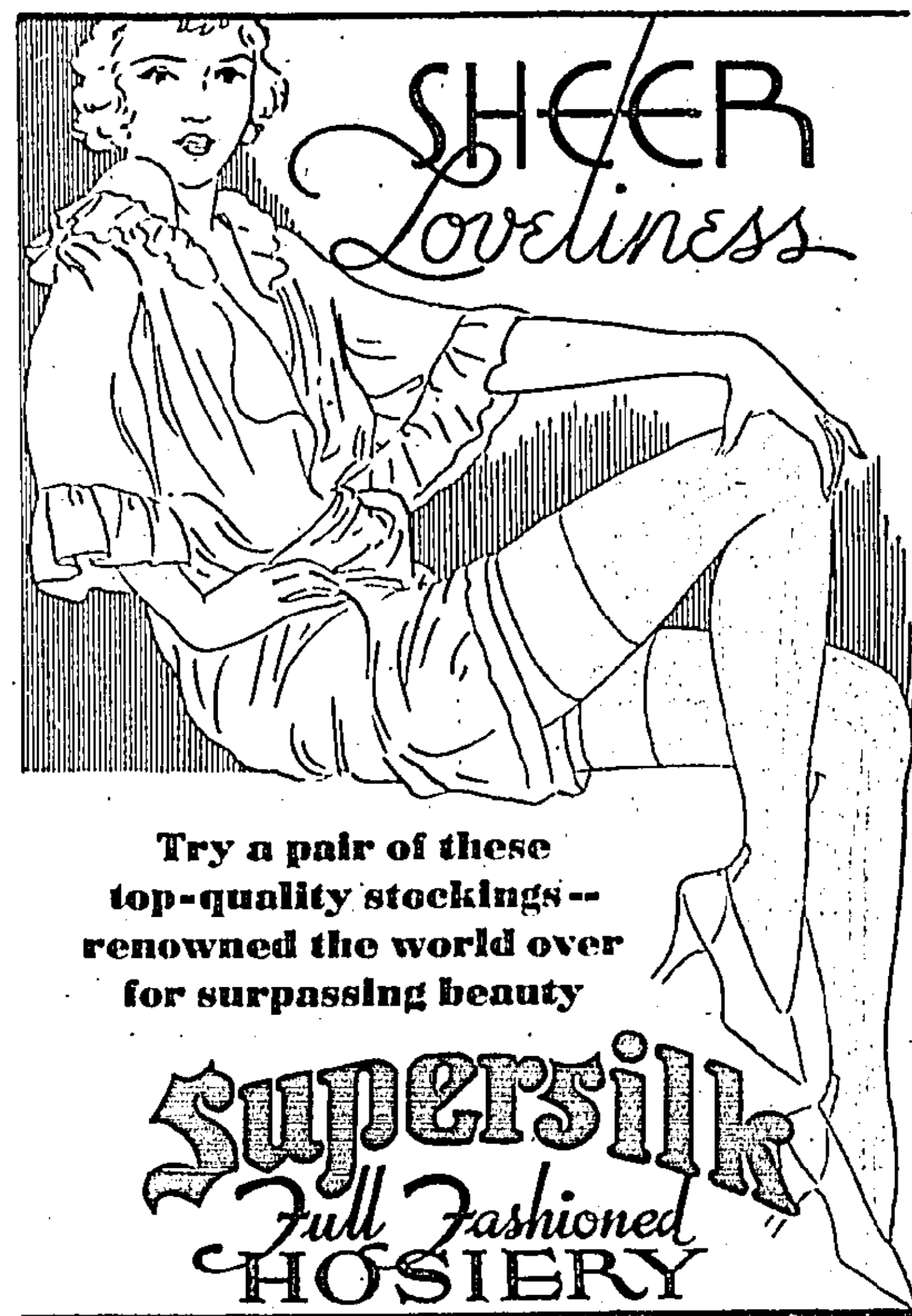
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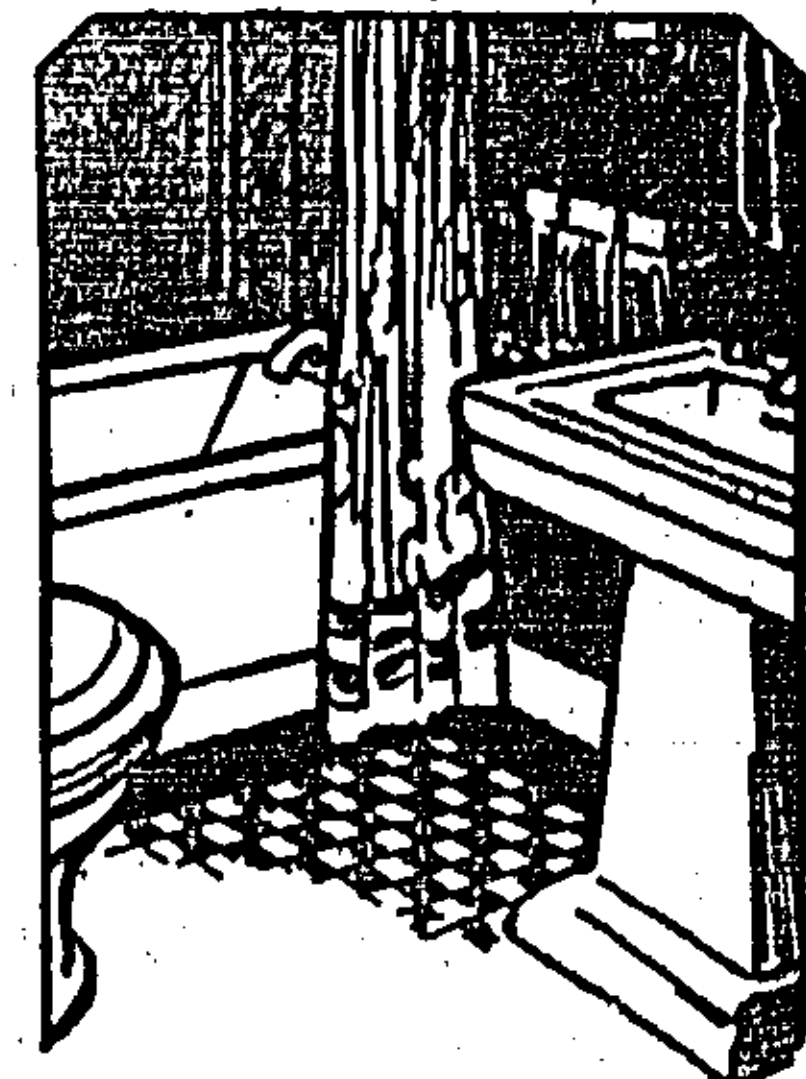
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LAUREL'S EX-WIFE TURNS UP FOR THE HONEY MOON

New York. STAN LAUREL, the Lancashire lad who became the wry-faced half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team, had a shock to-day when he heard that his former wife, Virginia, refused to acknowledge the validity of their divorce and his remarriage.

Stan and his brand-new wife, the Russian singer Illiana, are honeymooning at Yuma, Arizona, after their wedding yesterday, and late last night the ex-Mrs. Laurel arrived there as well, registered at the same hotel and started to stir things up.

"REUNIONS"

The comedian had received the final papers ending his marriage with Virginia on Friday. As soon as she had registered at the hotel Mrs. Laurel telephoned half a dozen newspapers and announced:

"I don't accept this marriage. We've had several reunions. Stan and I, since the interlocutory decree was granted, therefore the final decree ought to be washed out."

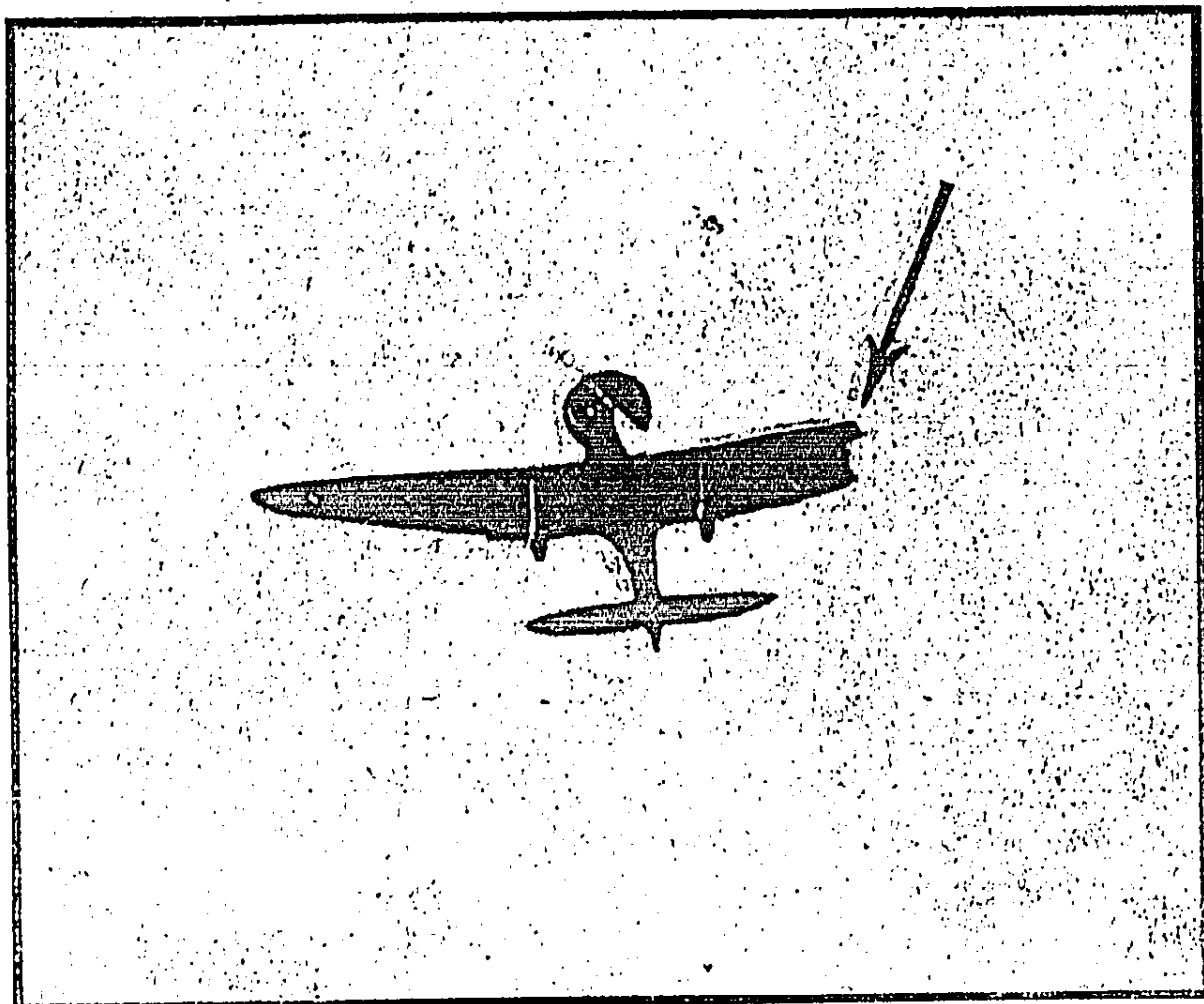
"I'm going to see about this plenty. It was a big shock to me when I heard my husband was married to that Russian. I've seen judges and lawyers, and believe me, steps are going to be taken."

Laurel looked glum when he was told Virginia was in the same hotel and on the warpath. He said: "Yesterday I felt ten years younger. I was overwhelmed by marrying such a beautiful girl as Illiana. This is humiliating, and I just won't stand it. Let Virginia go to court if she feels she has some claim on me. I'll show her."

The Russian bride was flabbergasted. All she said was: "These are too, too impossible."

Late to-day Stan and his new wife smuggled themselves on a Hollywood-bound train. Mrs. Virginia Laurel, when she heard they had gone, said she would follow them.

THIS WARPLANE MADE AIR HISTORY



Here is one of the most remarkable pictures ever taken of an aeroplane

It is of a Japanese naval machine. It flew over Nanchang, dropped in a power dive bombing the Chinese there. Anti-aircraft guns fired at it, and part of one wing was broken off. Arrow shows the damage done by the shrapnel. In spite of this, the pilot got his plane on even keel and returned to the Japanese base.

Trophies Returned To Inniskillings

London.

Silver of the officers' and sergeants' messes, of the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, was returned to representatives of the re-formed battalion in London this morning.

The side drum lost at Le Cateau in August, 1914, which was found by a French peasant, who hid it from the invading Germans, and returned it to London through a Canadian officer, was also returned.

When the battalion was disbanded in September, 1922, the trophies were deposited in the museum of the Royal United Services Institution, in Whitehall, on condition that they should be returned should the battalion ever be raised again "in the English service."

UNIQUE COLLECTION

Practically all the silver consists of regimental trophies; a unique collection of considerable financial value and very great sentimental value.

An outstanding item is a silver harness padlock made by Indian craftsmen from the melted down prize of rupees won by the battalion in the Rangoon polo championship in 1893.

There is also a ram's head with silver fittings used as a snuff-box, and a cigar holder which was

presented to the officers' mess by Capt. T. R. Way, winner of the officers' rifle competition in 1897, when the battalion was the 100th Regiment of Foot. A little silver ruler for the snuff and a silver hammer to tap the top of the snuff-box are attached.

WON IN 1879

Another relic of the days of the 100th is a clock won in 1879 by the regiment at the Portsmouth rifle meeting, and presented by Lieut. Gen. H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar.

Among reminders of the Great War are a challenge cup given by the Irish Women's Association during that period and a silken banner, with the regimental crest embroidered upon it, one of which was given to the battalions of the first seven divisions going overseas early in the war.

Legion Hero Was An English Girl

One of the pluckiest soldiers of the French Foreign Legion has turned out to be an English woman.

But the identity of this heroine was not discovered until Foreign Legionnaire Jack Norton, No. 77,492, was killed during the recent rioting in Morocco.

IN DANGER ZONE

The only theory the authorities can think of is that she had an accomplice, whom she sent to the usual medical examination. After the examination she took his papers and uniform—and reported herself—for duty.

She served for three years in one of the most dangerous sectors in the Atlas Mountains without being suspected.

Her officers thought that her milky complexion was due to youth, for she gave her age on joining as 10.

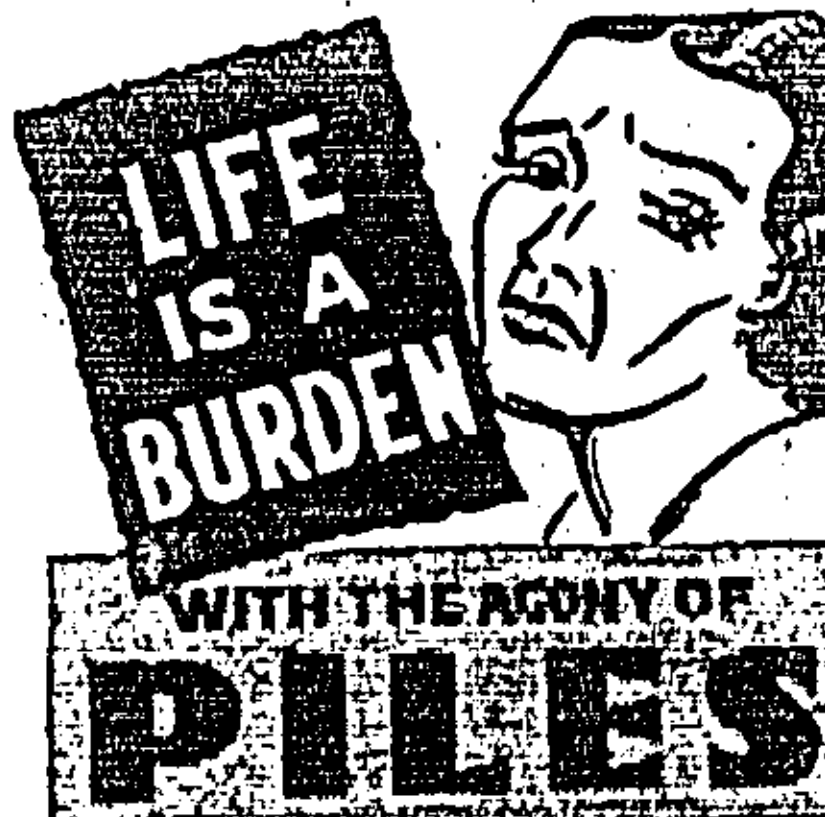
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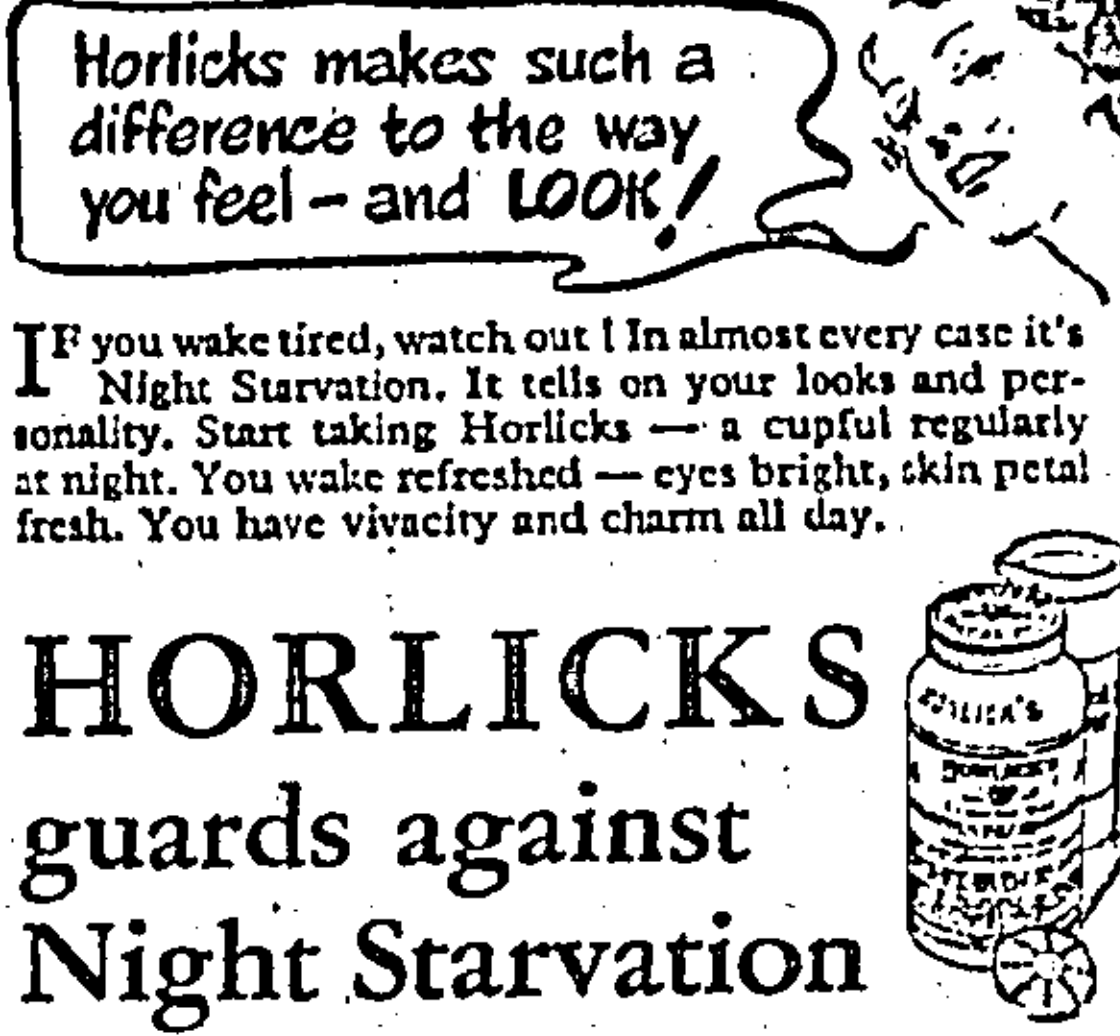


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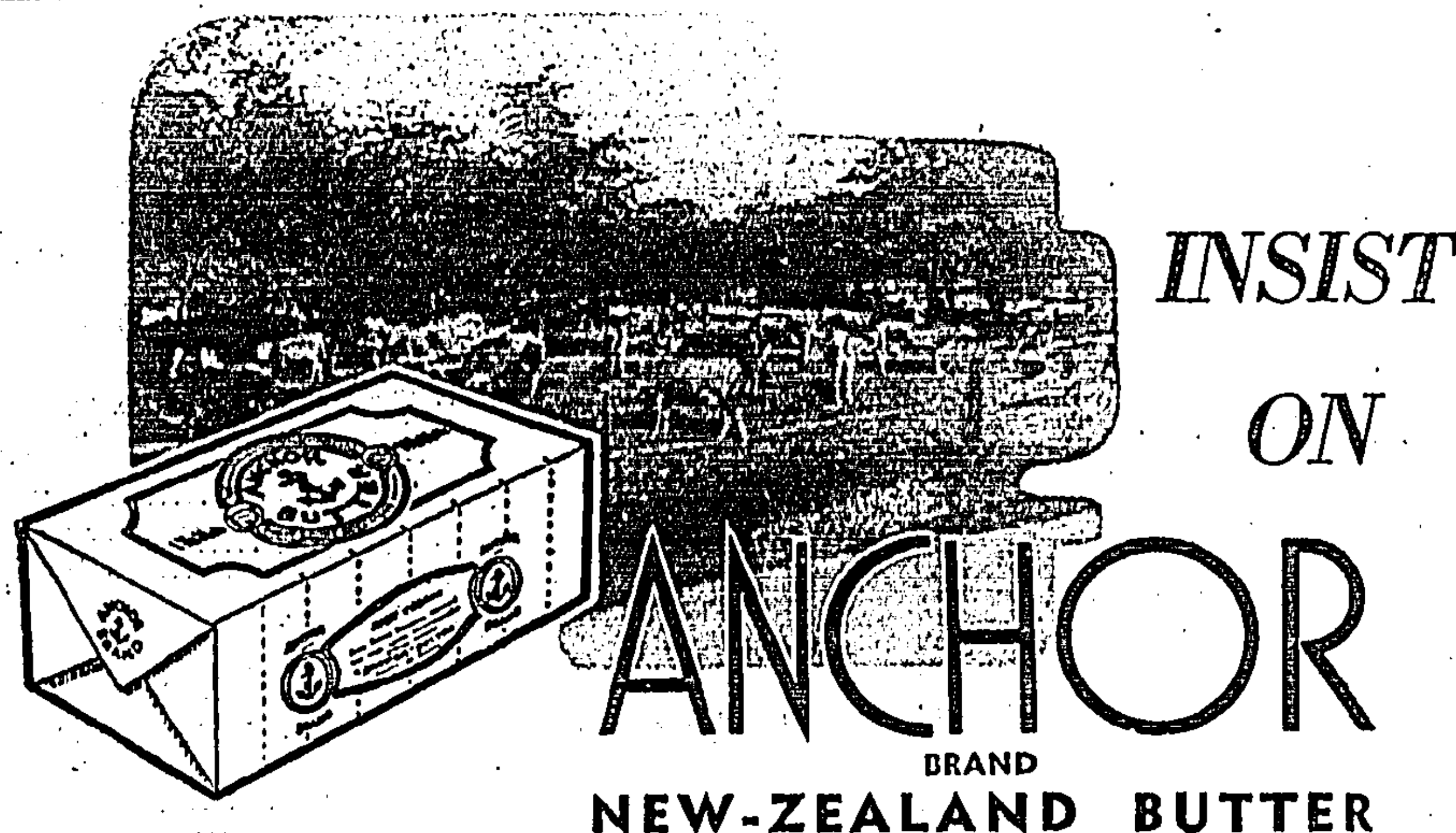
Wife deserters are finding that South Wales police have long memories.

One Welsh husband, now working in London, left his wife and children 18 years ago. They have cost the Welsh assistance authorities £782 7s. 6d. to maintain.

The man has been apprehended and fined £10 or two months.

Welsh police do not give up easily in cases of wife desertion.

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Representatives of the Royal Engineers will be in attendance.

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The new Preparatory School will have all classes in Chinese except one lesson each day in English. Ages, 8-12 years. Fees \$100 inclusive, per term of 13 weeks, for boarders. Registration, 11 a.m., February 16. Opening 9 a.m., February 17.

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Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNEL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. Room 308, Bank of East Asia Building, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 40, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor, or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai, or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

BIGGER NAVAL PROGRAMME

In view of recent developments abroad the British naval construction programme for 1938, to be announced before the end of February, may be larger than that of last year, which provided for 220,000 tons of combatant shipping. The new British programme will be drawn up with a view to the maintenance of the balance of power both in European and Far Eastern waters. It is expected to include the following vessels:

Five battleships;

Four or five cruisers of the 8,000-ton Fiji class;

Three cruisers of the 5,300-ton Dido class;

Sixteen destroyers, of which half may be of the big Tribal class of 1,850 tons; and

A proportionate number of submarines, escort vessels and auxiliary craft.

It is understood that this year's battleships will conform to the 35,000-ton limit imposed by the 1936 London Treaty unless it is definitely established that the new Japanese vessels substantially exceed this tonnage. It is noticed with satisfaction in naval circles that, although Italy did not sign the Treaty, her new battleships about to be commenced are restricted to 35,000 tons.

Following last year's increase of nearly 11,000 in the Navy's personnel, a further large expansion is anticipated this year.

ADVENTURE OF EX-OFFICER OF MAURETANIA

FIGHT WITH BURGLAR IN U.S. HOTEL

WIFE ATTACKED BY MAN WITH A CLUB

New York. A fight between a former Staff Captain in the Cunard-White Star liner Mauretania, Capt. Kingsley Howe, 54 and a 23-year-old burglar took place in the Hotel Wyndham, New York, in the early hours today. Capt. Howe described his adventures later in the day.

His nose was heavily bandaged, and he had a toe in splints. His wife, who joined in the fight, is suffering from shock.

He said his experiences as a Rugby football player saved him and his wife from more serious injury.

"My wife," he continued, "heard sounds in our living room and went in her night attire to investigate. I heard her shriek as the burglar swung at her with a club. I ran into the room and brought him down with a flying tackle below the knees."

"KNOCK-AND-TUMBLE." "Then we had five minutes of as rough a knock-and-tumble fight as I have ever seen in my many years of going to sea."

"We rolled all over the room, knocking down chairs, lamps and furniture. My wife pluckily grabbed him by the hair, whereupon he wrestled himself free and knocked her back against a wall, while I again tackled him. My wife picked up the telephone. Thereupon the burglar hit me over the nose with a 'black jack,' and slipping out of my arms, made a bolt for the hall."

When the police arrived, they found the burglar cowering in a cellar in the basement and arrested him. His face was scratched and bruised from the encounter he had had with Capt. and Mrs. Howe.

The incident caused great commotion in the hotel, and one of the guests who was aroused was Mr. Sinclair Lewis, the author.

Capt. and Mrs. Howe's plucky conduct in tackling the intruder resulted in jewellery belonging to Mrs. Howe, worth thousands of dollars, being saved. It was lying on the dressing table near the bed.

EMPIRE NEWS

CHARGES AGAINST EX-MINISTER

Calcutta. "Inconsistent, unscrupulous in the extreme, one who was guilty of all sorts of corrupt practices, and for whom nothing was too mean or dishonourable," were among the epithets used by counsel, Mr. N. R. Das Gupta, describing the alleged character of Sir Kazi Golam Mohiuddin Faruqi, member for the Tipperah district of Bengal and a former Minister of the Bengal Government.

The ex-Minister is the respondent in an action brought by an unsuccessful rival candidate before the Calcutta Election Tribunal to set aside the election on the ground of corruption. Sir Kazi denies the charges of corruption as reckless and absurd.

The President of the tribunal is Mr. Justice Edgley. He is sitting with two commissioners.

More Prohibition.—Two million Indians are to "go dry" as the result of a total prohibition order which is to be enforced in six United Province districts. Since the introduction of prohibition in the Salem district of Madras the consumption of tea has increased strikingly. The quantity of leaf tea despatched from Madras to the Salem district during November was nine times the averages of the past 12 months.

Billington Corinthians' Win.—By defeating Bihar 5-0 at Patna, Billington Corinthians, the Amateur Association football team, scored their biggest victory of the tour so far. They have left Patna for Lucknow en route for the North-West Frontier, where the team will meet their strongest opponents, a team representative of the British Army in India.

A NAVY JOKE

Battleships Of "Cherry Tree" Class

"The battleships Nelson and Rodney are called by sailors 'the Cherry Tree class' because they were cut down by Washington," said Lieutenant Commander Thompson, R.N., returning to the Bristol branch of the Royal Empire Society recently. He added: "They just lopped off 200 feet at the stern to bring them within the treaty, and there you get the reason why these ships ran aground. They are naturally frightfully difficult to handle."

Commander Thompson said the navy's new anti-aircraft guns had reduced the number of rounds needed to bring down an aeroplane from about 8,000, which was the average during the war, to something from nine to twenty. "You can take it," he said, "that the navy is very well able to look after itself and its dockyards so far as air attacks go. We can conquer also the submarine easily provided we have sufficient destroyers."

Noted London Correspondent In Hongkong

Mr. Vernon Bartlett On Peace Mission

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, special correspondent of the News Chronicle, said yesterday that his trip to Hongkong was not without excitement, since he was detained by order of the Italian police in Brindisi, and had his first sight of Japanese warships near Gap Rock.

Well known as a commentator on international affairs, Mr. Bartlett covered some months of the Spanish war, and is now hoping to get acquainted at first hand with the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

While the Imperial Airways plane on which he came out was stopping over at Bristol, Mr. Bartlett was taken aside by the police and his luggage was impounded. It appeared that he would be detained some time, until representations were made to the authorities and guarantees were given by Imperial Airways that he would do the journalistic work while in Italy. However, his baggage was sealed up and he was allowed only the use of his pyjamas.

"I was not altogether surprised," said Mr. Bartlett, "I knew I was on the Duce's black books because I wrote rather strongly of Italian intervention in the Spanish war."

Incidentally, Mr. Bartlett met Mussolini frequently during this phase of his work, and formed the opinion that he was essentially a realist whom Europe need not really fear. "He once said to me: 'Dictators are ambitious people who want to keep their jobs, and they know that a man who starts a war is seldom in power to sign the peace treaty when that war ends.'"

PEACE BY BOYCOTT. Speaking of his job in China, Mr. Bartlett said that apart from making himself acquainted with the political position, which he hoped to do by visits to Hankow, Canton and interviews with high officers of the Government, he also had a peace mission.

This was to assure the Chinese people of the efforts being made by their behalf by the International Peace Campaign headed by M. Pierre Cot, Minister of the Interior, and M. Edouard Herriot, former Prime Minister of France, to promote a world-wide boycott of trade against Japan by labour and co-operative bodies.

The movement originated from the resolution of the League of Nations Union that each country should do something in its own way to end the hostilities, and would culminate at the end of this week in a meeting at the Albert Hall of representatives of 400 million members of Unions, labour bodies, co-operative societies, universities etc. Lord Cecil was the head of the British representatives at this meeting, and Mr. T. V. Sooner had agreed to be chairman of the China National Group.

Mr. Bartlett will stay several weeks in the Far East before returning to London.

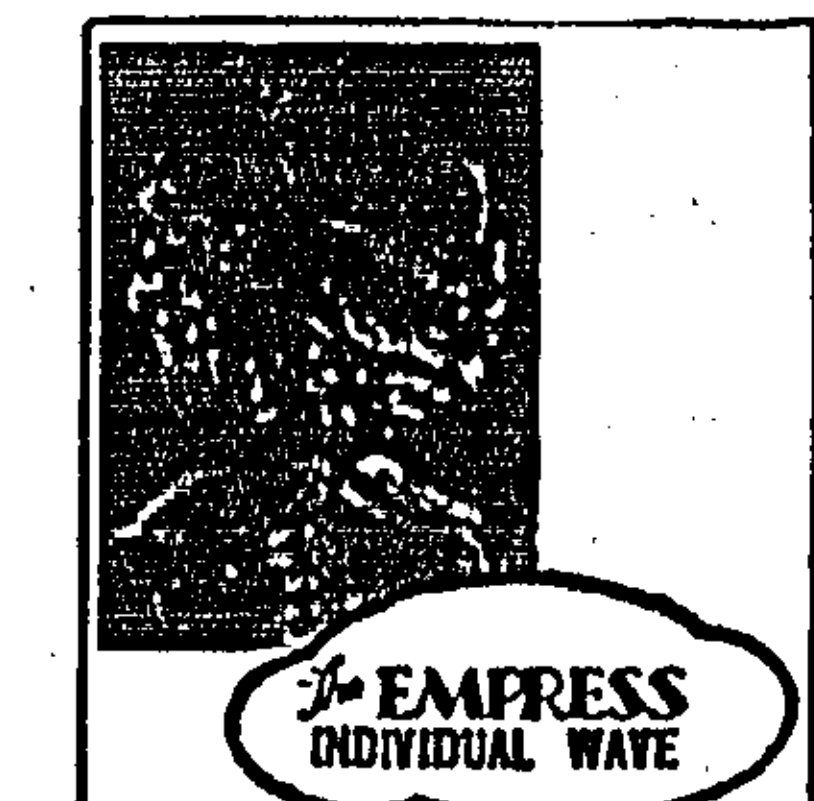
NEWLY-WEDS TO COME TO COLONY

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Dorothy M. Connell, daughter of Mrs. M. J. Connell of Seattle and San Francisco, to Mr. John Francis McKiernan, Jr. son of Mr. J. F. McKiernan of New York City, which took place on December 1 in Cathedral Chapel, Santa Monica, California.

The bride, who is the daughter of the late founder of Connell Bros. Co., Ltd., was educated at Forest Ridge Convent and the University of Washington. The groom was educated at St. John's Preparatory School, Fordham College and New York University. The couple are touring the United States, and after a visit to Japan will make their home in Hongkong where Mr. McKiernan will be manager of the General Milk Company.

U.S. CRUISER TO VISIT HONGKONG

The U.S.S. light cruiser Marblehead, rarely seen in Hongkong, will be in harbour from February 13 to 16 on a visit from the north. One of the Omaha class ships, the Marblehead was built in 1923 and cost over \$38,000,000. She has a standard displacement of 7,050 tons and is 850 feet in length; alterations to her battery had to be made after she was completed, in order to improve her seaworthiness. Her armament now includes 11 six-inch guns.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GIVING HELP TO CHINA

To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I shall be glad if you will be kind enough to publish the following lines.

As far as I can see, very few of my fellow-countrymen in this colony show any interest in giving aid to the invaded Chinese who are fighting against Japanese barbarism, Fascism and Imperialism, which are becoming a menace to the civilisation of the world.

Our people at home are, by far, more energetic than we, as far as aids are concerned. Why are we so dead and silent and cold towards aids to China? It is high time for us to do something, otherwise we will be sufferers too if China is conquered.

I have started to buy the Chinese Liberty Bonds—30 dollars worth out of my 200 dollars salary. And I am going to buy them until the undeclared war is over.

I will know to those of my countrymen who will do as I have done. If we cut down our drinks we can play our part with ease. At the same time the part we play will encourage the rich Chinese in this Colony to give more.

A PRO-CHINESE BRITON.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market was fairly active; with prices in some instances showing an appreciable advance, closing steady with an upward tendency. The turnover generally was somewhat large, mainly in Providents.

Manila continues to keep steady.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1,470 cum. div.
Bank of East Asia 322
Union Insurance 2420
China Underwriters \$140
Docks (Old) 277 1/2
H.K. & W. Docks 277 1/2
H.K. & W. Docks 277 1/2
Providents (Old) 277 1/2
Providents (New) 277 1/2
H. & S. Hotels 277 1/2
H.K. Tramways 277 1/2
Peak Tram (Old) 277 1/2
Peak Tram (New) 277 1/2
H.K. Tramways 277 1/2
Telephones (Old) 277 1/2
Telephones (New) 277 1/2
Watsons 277 1/2
Cement 277 1/2
Dairy Farms 277 1/2
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 277 1/2

Sellers
Union Insurance 277 1/2
H.K. & W. Docks 277 1/2
Providents (New) 277 1/2
H.K. Tramways 277 1/2
Peak Tram 277 1/2
Dairy Farms 277 1/2
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 277 1/2

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Feb. 7.
The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters:

Opening Closing
New York Cotton
March 8.44/45 8.64/64
May 8.54/55 8.75/75
July 8.62/62 8.82/82
Oct. 8.64/73 8.82/82
Dec. 8.77/77 8.87/87
Jan. 8.81/81 9.01/01
Spot 8.74

The First Notice Day for March Cotton is Feb. 23 with Delivery date March 1.

New York Rubber
March 14.23/25 14.40/40
May 14.90/45a 14.98/98
July 14.97/40 14.98/98a
Sept. 14.71/70 14.80/80
Dec. 14.70 14.80 N
Jan. 15.00 N

Sales for the day:—840 tons.

Chicago Wheat
May 94 1/2/94 1/2 95 1/2/95 1/2
July 90 1/2/90 1/2 91 1/2/91 1/2
Sept. 91 1/2/91 1/2 91 1/2/91 1/2
Monday's Sales:—8,800,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn
May 50 1/2/50 50 1/2/50
July 50 1/2/50 50 1/2/50
Sept. 51 1/2/51 51 1/2/51

Winnipeg Wheat
May 127 1/2/127 1/2 128 1/2/128 1/2
July 128 1/2/128 1/2 129 1/2/129 1/2
Oct. 101 1/2/101 1/2

Russians, Strengthen Naval Force

Stimulated Building Admitted Cruisers For Far East

Hankow, Feb. 8. "The reborn Soviet navy should not confine itself to the defence of the homeland, but should also invade enemy waters, to destroy enemy navies." This was the editorial declaration of the Pravda, the Government news organ, received here.

This journal said that the strengthening of the Red navy has been stimulated by the construction programme of Japan, Germany, and Italy.

Ever since the U.S.S.R. obtained the liberty of building a navy for Far Eastern waters by virtue of the Anglo-Soviet naval accord, the Soviet Government has been utilizing every opportunity to strengthen the Red navy. Early this year it established an independent People's Commissariat for the Navy.

The Soviet navy has assembled sometime 60 submarines at Vladivostok, while it intends to send a fleet of 8,000-ton cruisers to the Far Eastern waters this spring. The Pravda goes on to say concerning the Soviet naval requirements:

The major powers of the world are devoting their attention to strengthening their navies, particularly Japan, Germany, and Italy. In order to safeguard Soviet interests, the Soviet navy should not only defend the home coast, but must build fleets strong enough to invade foreign territories. That is why the People's Commissariat for the Navy has been established.—International.

GIGANTIC DOCK BUILT

Harbin, Feb. 8. The People's Commissariat for the Navy of the Soviet Government has decided to construct a giant dockyard at Vladivostok, Soviet Russia's foremost naval base in the Far East, reliable reports reaching here to-day indicate.

The projected dockyard will, the reports further say, be devoted to the construction of battleships, large cruisers, and other craft of that nature.

Submarines and other subsidiary vessels have been ordered from Great Britain, it is said, and the Soviet authorities are credited with continuing efforts to enlarge the armaments in the Far East.—International.

AVIATION PROGRESS

Tokyo, Feb. 8. Replying to a Budget Committee interrogation, Gen. Sugiyama, War Minister, said Soviet Russia had increased her Far Eastern air force by 20 per cent. within the last year.

He said at present there were 1,500 Soviet planes in the vicinity of Vladivostok and that the advances of other Powers might accelerate Japanese aviation.—United Press.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Feb. 8. S. C. & F. Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

Lack of definite news on the Street is attributed to the rise of various rumors, one of which, although entirely unconfirmed, is to the effect that the President Roosevelt will promise another business breathing spell in his forthcoming radio broadcast. The Street has been heartened by the progress of U.S. Steel negotiations, the early settlement of which, it is hoped, would stabilize steel prices and release orders. Additional items of news today were a curtailment in crude oil production, the weakness of base metals and an increase in unemployment in Great Britain.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The market abruptly reversed its trend to-day, without any specific news, although there have been rumours of bullish developments. We would not buy on the current strength. Business failures for the week totalled 250. Bank deposits for the week amounted to \$14,404,000,000.

Cotton: The adoption by the House of Representatives of a rule limiting the debate on the Farm Bill to 4 hours is construed as favourable to the passage of the Bill, which then goes to the Senate. Prices of cotton advanced sharply on the news.

Wheat: The continued drought in the South-West is considered by some authorities not to be a major price factor for the present, as the growth of the crop begins at the end of February. The market to-day responded to the favourable action of stocks, moderate exports and covering by shorts.

Corn: The market to-day is featureless. Rubber: There is some belief that the foreign political situation will tend towards accumulation of stocks here, due to the possibility of insurance and shipping complications until the outlook is more clarified. Factory auto sales for January were 38% under those for December.

Sugar: The market to-day was active, but prices were easier on the lower London market and on substantial liquidation of March position.

Dow Jones Averages Feb. 7 Close
30 Industrials 121.30 125.52
20 Rails 27.10 27.00
20 Utilities 16.58 16.00
40 Bonds 89.92 90.24
11 Commodity Index 82.95 84.49

POST OFFICE.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS
Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office at 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary post-boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage, insufficiently prepaid letters may be forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE
Mail Service "Via Siberia" is temporarily suspended.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE
Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

From	Per	Due
Tientsin	Chengkang	February 9.
Shanghai and Foochow	Kunming	February 9.
Calcutta and Straits	Kunming	February 9.
Manila	Serookerk	February 9.
Batavia	Tjisaroca	February 9.
Shanghai and Manila	Gneisenau	February 10.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kayang	February 10.
Tientsin and Swatow	Nanchang	February 10.
Australia and Manila	Changchi	February 11.
Japan and Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	February 11.
Manila	Victoria	February 11.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—Vancouver B.C., 22nd January		
Japan and Amoy	Emp. of Canada	February 12.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date, 13th January	Tilaw	February 12.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle, date 15th January)	Anshun	February 13.
Shanghai and Amoy	Pres. McKinley	February 13.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 5th February	Shantung	February 13.
Calcutta and Straits	Imperial Airways Plane	February 14.
Australia and Manila	Talma	February 14.
Shanghai	Atsuta Maru	February 17.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 20th January and London Parcels—London date, 13th January	Glenapp	February 17.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels—London date, 6th January	Kalsar-I-Hind	February 17.
Saigon	Menestheus	February 17.
Straits	Aramis	February 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Bangalore	February 18.
Calcutta and Straits	Carthage	February 18.
Straits	Kutsum	February 18.
Japan	Jeyapore	February 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Titan	February 20.
Java and Manila	Pres. Doumer	February 21.
Straits	Tijuan	February 22.
	Van Heutz	February 22.

OUTWARD MAELS

For	Per	Date and Time
Wednesday		
Swatow	Selsan	Wed. Feb. 9, 3 p.m.
Japan	Eurbyates	Wed. Feb. 9, 5 p.m.

Thursday		
Swatow and Bangkok	Kwelyang	Thurs. Feb. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Rhexenor	Thurs. Feb. 10, 1 p.m.
Madang, Salamau, Tulagi and Rabaul	Friderun	Thurs. Feb. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Chungking by the C.N.A.C. Plane	C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service	Thurs. Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
	Kowloon P. O.	Thurs. Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs. Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs. Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
	G. P. O.	Thurs. Feb. 10, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Thurs. Feb. 11, 6 a.m.
	Ord.	Thurs. Feb. 11, 1.30 p.m.
Holhow	Mulnam	Thurs. Feb. 10, 1.30 p.m.
Sandakan	Tai Suen-Hong	Thurs. Feb. 10, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Yunnan	Thurs. Feb. 10, 10.30 a.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Thurs. Feb. 10, 1.30 a.m.
	Parcels	Thurs. Feb. 10, 1.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Thurs. Feb. 10, 1.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Thurs. Feb. 10, 2 p.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Hangsang	Thurs. Feb. 10, 5 p.m.

Friday		
Shanghai	Gneisenau	Fri. Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Kunming	Fri. Feb. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Victoria	Fri. Feb. 11, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tjisaroca	Fri. Feb. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13th March	Reg.	Fri. Feb. 11, 5 p.m.

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MEDIATION MOVES

China Puts Proposals
To Britain, Says
Tokyo Report

Tokyo, Feb. 8.

Britain has been approached by the Chinese Government with a request for mediation between Japan and China, according to Japanese press messages from Hongkong.

The Hongkong correspondent of the *Nichi Nichi* says that the newly appointed British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr, will arrive in Shanghai about the middle of February with a peace formula which is designed not only to save the face of China but also give full consideration to Japan's position in the Far East.

The Foreign Office in London has no confirmation of the report.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to London said that he did not know anything about such move, —*Reuter*.

Soviet Minister Missing

Suddenly Disappears
In Bucharest

Paris, Feb. 7.

M. Theodore Butenco, Soviet Charge d'Affaires at Bucharest, has mysteriously disappeared from his home.

Legation officials believe that he has been kidnapped and perhaps murdered.

M. Butenco motored to his home from the Legation on Sunday evening and entered the front door, since when he has not been heard of.

The Legation secretary became anxious on the non-appearance of M. Butenco on Monday and went to his flat. He noticed what appeared to be freshly obliterated bloodstains on the staircase leading to the flat, and he informed the Police, whose investigations have hitherto been fruitless. —*Reuter*.

River Forts Drive Off War Craft

Japanese Destroyer
Near Disaster

Canton, Feb. 7.

Yesterday's naval engagement with the forts at Boco Tigris opened at 9 o'clock in the morning, when six destroyers and a cruiser opened up. On getting within 1,500 metres of Shuying, the fort on an island in the middle of the River, four ships stopped and three destroyers went ahead. They got to 1,000 metres when Admiral Chan Chak ordered the biggest guns into play. Three shots hit the water simultaneously. One burst ten feet from the bow of the second vessel in the enemy's line, killing several on board. Another salvo, and one almost got the stern of the same ship, evidently causing more casualties. Before the aim could be corrected, the three advancing ships made all speed away. A launch that was already in the water spent a few seconds in picking up bodies, the first heavy shell having blown some sailors overboard, according to the *Yat Sun* news agency.

Before the end of the battle, the three rear-most destroyers left for Po On. A minor engagement was fought there, some 30 shells being fired at the shore trenches. —*Our Own Correspondent*.

CHUNGSHAN LANDING

Canton, Feb. 7.

The *Tai Chung* news agency reports that Col. Ng, commanding troops at Tongkawan, has telegraphed to Canton that five Japanese warships, and 10 smaller craft carrying a landing party, participated in the naval attack on Chungshan yesterday. Roughly 900 marines were on board these launches and other small boats.

The ships split up into two sections, half of them attacking at Ngaihai, half at Namshan, both in the Tongkawan area. Fighting was fiercest at the former place. Twice the marines tried to make the beach, but the closest they got was 400 metres. One small boat was sent to the bottom by the fieldpieces on the shore, with some loss of life. Thirty Chinese soldiers died in the one day's battle. —*Our Own Correspondent*.

QUIET RESTORED

Macao, Feb. 8.

The Shekki-Macno Bus Service has been restored since yesterday morning. Government employees are still being kept busy by rehabilitation works in the war area.

It is understood that most of the Japanese who landed on the island on the island at Lung Tam village have evacuated. Many refugees, who recently evacuated Kei O and Tongkawan, are returning to their homes. The Japanese have evacuated Wangcum Island.

An official spokesman, states that the regular troops and the local military guards, which make up the present local defence force, are quite sufficient to meet any situation and no further reinforcements from Canton or elsewhere are needed. —*Wah Kiu Yat Po*.

WARSHIPS REMAIN

Canton, Feb. 8.

The local Garrison Commander Headquarters understand that there are still three Japanese warships lying off Tongkawan. —*Wah Kiu Yat Po*.

PRINCE NICHOLAS PASSES

Father Of Duchess
Of Kent Was 66
Years Of Age

Athens, Feb. 8.

The death occurred to-day of Prince Nicholas of Greece, father of the Duchess of Kent, at the age of 66. He had been ill for nearly a week, suffering from a disorder of the blood and kidney trouble.

Extreme Unction was administered on Sunday night when his condition suddenly became worse.

The Duchess interrupted her holiday with the Duke in the Austrian Tyrol and hurried to the bedside of her father. The Duke returned to London alone. —*Reuter*.

Prince Nicholas was a first cousin of the late King George V of England, his father, King George I, of Greece, being a son of King Christian, of Denmark, and brother of Queen Alexandra, wife of King Edward VII.

Trained As Soldier

Prince Nicholas was the uncle of King George II, of Greece. He was born at Athens in 1872, the second son of King George I and brother of King Constantine who abdicated in 1922 in favour of his son George II. Nicholas's mother was the Grand Duchess Olga, of Russia.

He was trained for the army and took part in the Balkan wars when Greece was involved. All his inclinations, however, were literary and artistic. He also had tact and a charming personality which made him welcome at all social gatherings. For this reason he was often employed to represent the King at Royal and other State ceremonies abroad, becoming well known in all the capitals of Europe.

In 1902 Nicholas married the Grand Duchess Helen, of Russia, the ceremony taking place at Tsarskoe Selo. They had three daughters. The eldest, Olga, married Prince Paul of Yugoslavia in 1923. Elizabeth, the second daughter, became the wife of Count Charles of Teerling-Jettenbach in 1934, and the youngest, Marina, married the Duke of Kent in 1934.

When in 1923, Greece became a republic and George II had to leave the country, Nicholas and his family went to Paris. Taking a flat overlooking the Bois de Boulogne, he had a large room converted into a studio and settled down to a life of painting and writing.

In 1926 he published his autobiography under the title "My Fifty Years." In light vein he related much that was amusing about Greek Court life in his early days. In more serious mood he defended his brother King Constantine against the charge of being pro-German.

Constantine refused to allow Greece to support the Entente Powers in the world-war and had to leave the country and remain away until after the war. Nicholas declared that Constantine was a Greek patriot, neither pro-German nor pro-Entente.

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In 1935 Nicholas, using the pen-name Nicholas Nickleby, wrote the play "Embera" which was afterwards filmed. Meanwhile he had given exhibits of his paintings in Paris and London which aroused much interest and commendation in both capitals. In 1936, he revisited Athens, being welcomed by King George II and other members of the Royal family.

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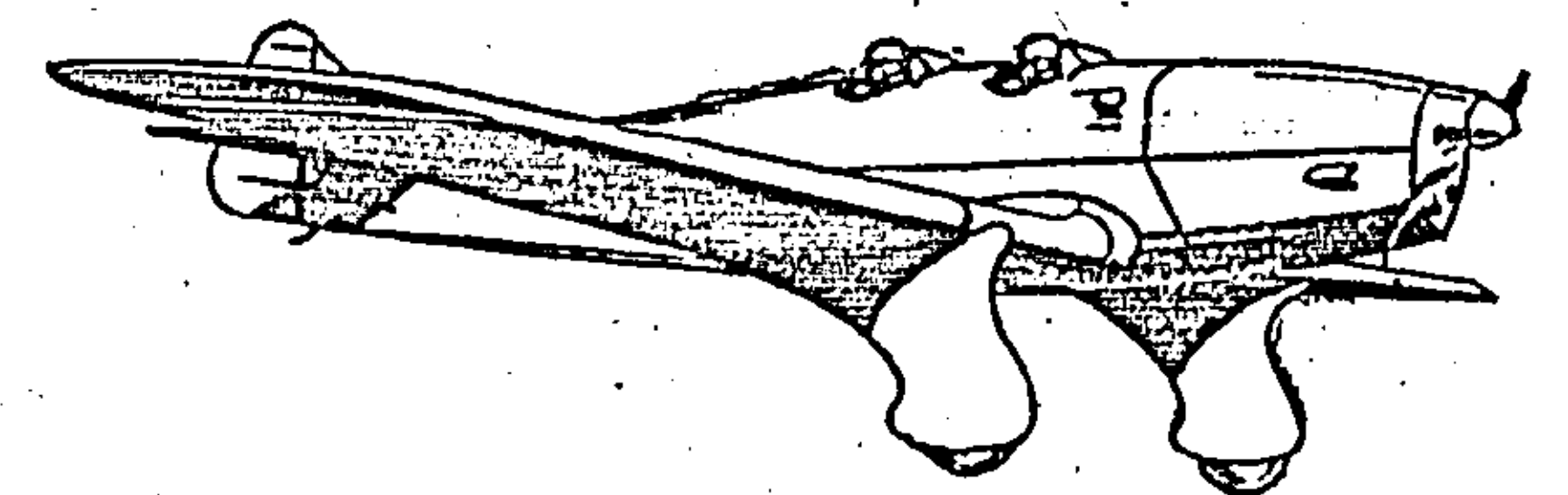
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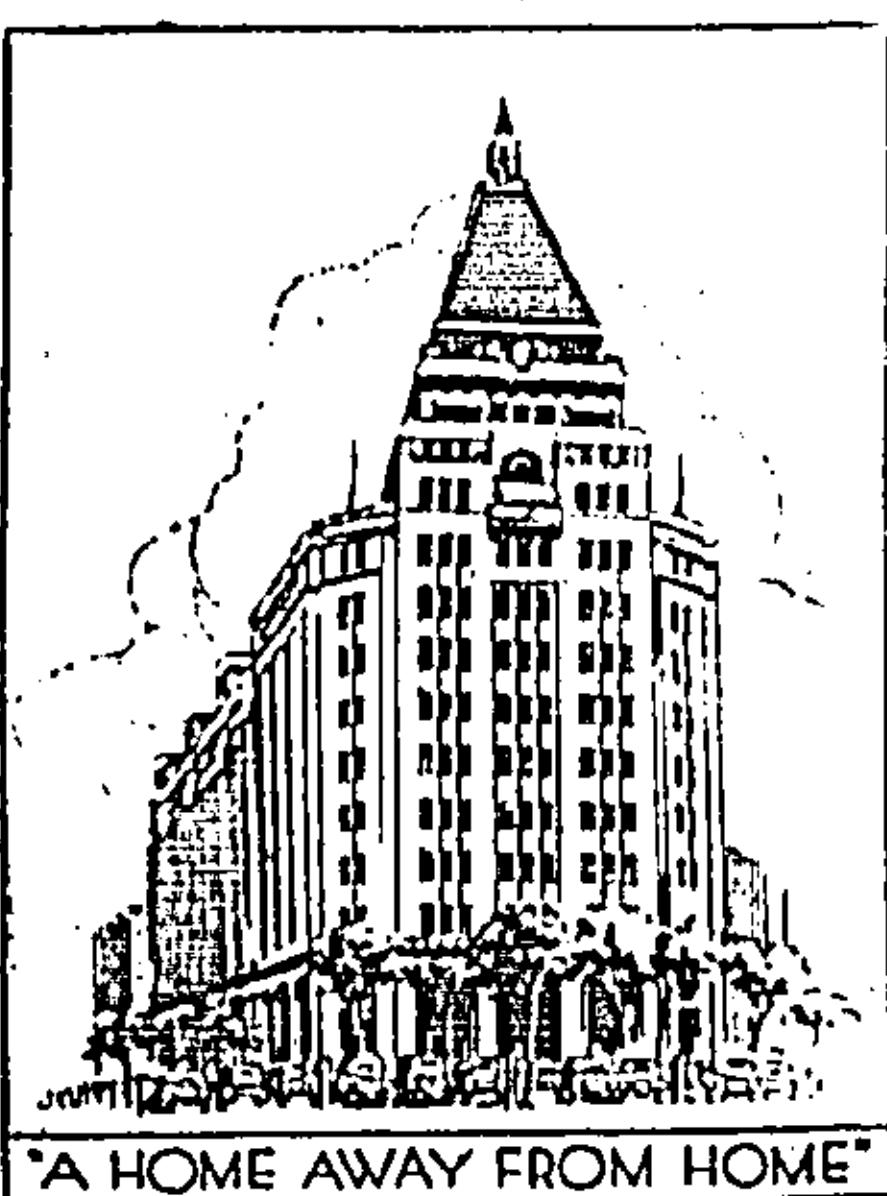
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DEATH

LOWSON.—At Forfar, on the 3rd. February, 1938, Isabel Lowson, widow of the late Dr. J. A. Lowson and younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Lammert, aged 62 years.

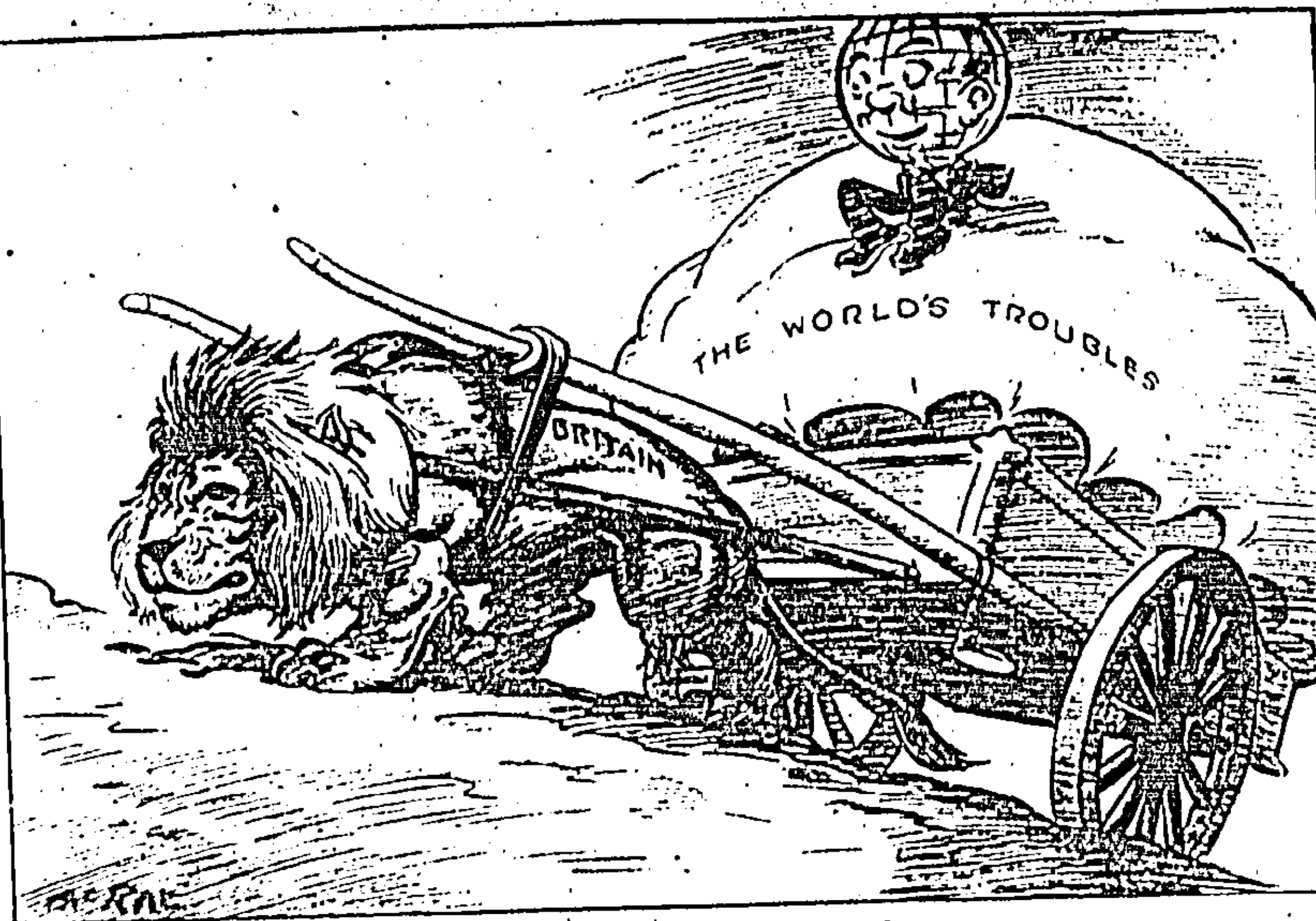
The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1938.

AVOIDING SUSPICION

It must be apparent to any observer that United States is doing its utmost, officially and unofficially, to prevent the rivalry of the world's naval powers from carrying them into an armament race. On top of the spirited denials of high naval officers at Washington that America has any secret naval alliance or is in any way committed to help with any other nation's war, whether defensive or not, the best-informed newspapers of the day are addressing Japan in placatory terms. Editorially they urge that Tokyo listen to the request of Britain, France and the United States for information regarding the Japanese battleship programme. They stress the point that the question is fair; and so it is. When a nation commences building ships and guns in secret she is bound to arouse suspicion. There must be some motive, her neighbours argue; and set themselves to meet any possible emergency. Of course, it has not yet been proved that Japan is contemplating battleships of a tonnage greater than the present London Treaty allows, much less that she has them actually under construction, as some quarters suggest. If it is impossible for her to say she does not intend to build such craft, she might at least indicate whether or not they are on the stocks. A negative answer to the powers' notes in this connection would clear the air.

No-one is going to deny Japan the right to arm to meet any possible threat to her commerce, for instance, and if Tokyo believes that Russia's efforts to create a strong submarine fleet in the Pacific are directed against her she is surely justified in constructing defensive weapons. But 40,000-ton ships are not the thing for fighting submarines, nor are they ideal for convoy work. Rather are they weapons of attack, built to smash other capital ships or to bombard shore positions at long range. As such they would create a certain amount of doubt in the minds of peoples owning powerful fleets and strongly



THE LION'S SHARE

Why Mussolini won't go to war

MUSSOLINI tells the world once more "Italy and her people want peace. I want peace." We must accept these assurances. They are based upon realities. Mussolini is in no position to make war.

I estimate that standing military Italian strength is rather more than 1,000,000 men. Mussolini claims that he can call altogether 8,000,000 bayonets into the field. This figure seems high for Italy's total population of 43,000,000.

Now Mussolini's armies are divided into four parts. He has 100,000 men in garrison in Abyssinia. Another 60,000 are stationed in Libya. His Spanish expeditionary force is reckoned to be between 60,000 and 80,000 men.

All of them require replacements, and are served by supply and service corps. The rest of his troops are retained in Italy.

IF Mussolini intended to destroy the Italians have an ap- war he would not be proximate equality of strength scattering his forces over a with the French, but the Bri- front that stretched from Mad- tish have at sea and on the stocks 200.

The French have superiority in submarines of something like 100 to 70. The British submarine strength is below that of the Italians.

Should Italy and any ally of hers go to war with Britain and her ally—and this ally in present conditions must almost certainly be the French—then the harbours and coasts of that country would be opened up for the use of the British Navy.

Marseilles and Toulon, in France, Tunis, Bizerta and Algiers, on the African littoral, would be the links in a chain of harbour-fortresses that included Gibraltar, Malta, Suez, and Cyprus.

Against this overwhelming strength of hostile sea bases, the more posts that Mussolini added to his own command, such as Majorca or Spanish Morocco and Melilla, the more hostages he would give to his enemy, for he would have more points to defend with his slender resources.

AND very slender are Mussolini's resources. Italy is a poor country, and all the genuine creative effort which the Fascist regime has called forth has not overcome her poverty.

The soil of this beautiful land, except the north is miserably in crop yield and mineral wealth. Italy imports 99 per cent. of her cotton, copper and oil, 95 per cent. of her coal, 80 per cent. of her wool.

Her colonies, Libya, Eritrea, Somaliland (total population 2,300,000) bring her little profit.

They bulk large on the map. But as Mussolini himself said bitterly on the eve of his Abyssinian conquest, they are mostly scrub and desert.

The Italian standard of life is already the lowest in Europe. It is lower than that of Poland or even of Spain. The Italian workers' general wage rate is to-day 10 per cent. less than before the March on Rome.

It was on June 22, 1929, that Mussolini himself said in the Italian Senate, "There are places in Sardinia and South Italy where for months the inhabitants have had to live on wild plants." That was before the world slump, which hit Italy as heavily as any other country.

IN 1933 the official Fascist figures set Italian unemployment at 1,000,000. The Fascist Party Relief, however, claimed to be giving soup, bread, shelter, to 2,328,024 "needy persons."

At that time Britain's unemployed numbered 2,000,000 out of an industrial population of 12,000,000. The Italian unemployed were drawn from an industrial population of 3,500,000. The dole rate varies from 9s. to 10s. per week for agricultural and industrial unemployed.

Mussolini has made vigorous efforts to provide work on public schemes. In twelve years £500,000,000 has been expended. I cannot say that the work has been very productive. The cost has worried successive Finance Ministers. In five years the Italian State Budget has piled up a total deficit of £270,000,000. Yet many items which should stand in the national account have been transferred to the ledgers of the municipalities. The internal debt of Italy now stands at £1,000,000,000.

The gold chest that Mussolini built up laboriously for ten years is getting low. It contained £200,000,000 in August 1935, before the Abyssinian war. Before Christmas the monthly account of its condition was no longer published.

The statutory limit of advances by the Bank of Italy to the Italian Government has been raised by decree from £50,000,000 lire to 1,000,000,000 lire. The gold cover for Treasury issues has been abolished.

I SEE now that Mussolini is said to be seeking a loan from Great Britain to develop Abyssinia. That annexation cost £150,000,000.

The total trade of the country is at present worth £2,000,000 per annum. The Duce is raising by capital levy of 10 per cent. about £70,000,000 to pay for this.

The wealth per head of the Italian people is just one third of that of Great Britain. Yet the adverse trade balance of this hard-working but still impoverished country is over £50,000,000.

Indeed, it is only the simple, sober habits of the Italian people themselves which keep the country going. Their devotion to the family life, their help of friends and neighbours in distress, their way of life in a life of hardship, their honest determination to repay debt; these are the great moral factors that sustain Mussolini's Italy.

This is not the picture of a country able to fight a great war against great Power with any hope of victory. Mussolini desires peace because he desperately requires peace.

But though he does not want war, Mussolini is ready to play to the limit the game of threatening it. He constantly brings forward the bogey of the Rome-Berlin Axis.

He presents to the world the terrifying aspect of an Italo-German combination, emphasising his solidarity with Hitler, even by making demands for colonies on Hitler's behalf.

THE truth is that the Rome-Berlin Axis is already badly cracking. It did not support the pressure of the Franco-British naval pact to sweep the Mediterranean clear of pirates. The reality of European politics is that Hitler will not go to war to make a Roman holiday.

The Germans have neither military nor naval strength in the Mediter-

THE "VERY IDEA"

THE WAR AS SHE IS WROTE

DISTINGUISHED WAR CORRESPONDENT AT THE BOTTLE LINE

By Edward "Scoop" Kelly

WE are now at the South China front, surrounded by Japanese who are in the throes of an invasion. No one knows how far they will throw it.

Major Domei and Admiral Nichi Nichi are leading the landing parties. They are opposed by General Wah Kiu Yat-po and General Sen Tralunus. Riots have broken out in the defending ranks and several Reuters have been killed.

There was heavy firing at Ping Pong this morning, and a boom has been placed across the Sen Sen. The boom is quite audible in Mah Jong.

Reports that Kwangtung has been invaded are denied. Three beautiful young Chinese girls named Yu Ling, Anta Pans, and Kow Face are leading a band of amazon guerrillas. The guerrilla, it will be recalled, is the ancestor of man.

B. SHARP ENCOUNTER

A Japanese landing party hastily evacuated Kwangtung when a Chinese band approached from the east. Anyone who has heard a Chinese band will realise the significance of this retreat.

Bombs were dropped on a party of journalists travelling from Sum Buil to Wat Muk. The bombs were severely injured.

The Chinese front at Tum Hee has a distinct bulge. General Gav Blie will be shot for deserting his Corps. A court martial found him rotten to the core.

General Malmicht is confident that an invasion of Kwangtung has taken place.

A large force of Japanese troops are stationed at Formazone, awaiting a favourable moment to launch the Kwangtung invasion.

OVER THE FENCE

A report from Gin Sling states that two tom-cats were killed during a noisy battle.

An invasion of Kwangtung commenced this morning.

Air raid sirens are shrieking at Sam Pan. The sirens, who are believed to be deserting, are in Japanese pay, are presumably shrieking for their first month's salary.

The Japanese who landed in Kwangtung at 6 a.m., withdrew at 7.30 after a four-hour battle.

A Chinese cruiser has been locked up at Stan Lee. She was convicted of cruising along the Na Tian roadway.

London newspapers are publishing stories of outrages on junkies. They are also publishing a lot of junk on outrages.

There is no possibility of Kwangtung being invaded until 6.45 p.m. on Friday.

Some uneasiness is being felt at Gum Blot regarding reports of a Kwangtung invasion.

STOP PRESS.—A major offensive was well under way, last night. Both sides are at grips.

FLASH.—Previous message should be corrected. An offensive major was well under way at the Gripps last night. LATE NEWS.—An invasion of Kwangtung is imminent.

ranen, even if they wished to make trouble.

True they might make a diversion in Northern Europe, but the probabilities are that the Italians would be crushed in the south long before the German attack engaged the complete attention of the countries concerned.

Remember this, too. A broken Italy would leave a vacuum in the Mediterranean.

That political space might well be filled by Germany, bent upon dominating south-eastern Europe. Indeed, the Germans might hasten this day by making their diversion not in favour of Italy but against her, if European conflict should seem imminent.

The Germans would wish to assume control and authority in relation to Austria, thus realising Hitler's dream of a Teutonic racial bloc with the country of his birth.

Then they would also be tempted to claim back the Southern Tyrol now under the Italian flag, but torn from Germany after the war and still containing a predominantly German population.

And, lastly, Germany, intent on pushing into the Mediterranean, would require the restoration of Fiume to Austria.

So that if Italy went to war she might be bidding fair to play the role in the twentieth century that fell to Poland in the eighteenth century—namely, to be the victim of partition between the nations of Central Europe.

Mussolini said to the Daily Express recently, "I am not a dramatist. I am a realist." Of course, he is both. He understands the great drama of our times. He lives it. Mussolini does not propose to figure as the principal in a tragedy. He is a Man of Peace because he dare not be a Man of War.

Personalities of Old Hongkong

CHIEF JUSTICE WHO FOUGHT THE
"THREE EVILS" OF OLD HONGKONG15 YEARS ON BENCH
MADE HIM
IRASCIBLE OLD MAN

By T. Paul Gregory

AN INTERESTING PERSONALITY WHO MADE OUR COLONY HIS HOME FROM THE SIXTIES TO THE EARLY EIGHTIES OF LAST CENTURY WAS SIR JOHN JACKSON SMALE, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

JUDGE SMALE WAS A MAN WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAW AND ORDER WERE UNDENIABLY GREAT, BUT ONE, TOO, WHO IS BETTER KNOWN TO POSTERITY ON ACCOUNT OF HIS ECCENTRICITIES.

HE WAS WHAT OUR GENERATION WOULD CALL A "CARD" AND HAD MACAULAY BEEN A RESIDENT OF HONGKONG FIFTY YEARS AGO, HE CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE DONE FOR JUDGE SMALE WHAT HE DID FOR DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON WHOSE IDIOSYNCRASIES WERE RECORDED IN A MANNER THAT WOULD HAVE DELIGHTED READERS OF OUR BLASE AND THRILL-SEEKING ERA.

Sir John Jackson Smale was born in England in the year 1805, and died at his residence in Sussex-place, Regent's Park, August 13, 1881. He was educated at Manchester College, York and, in 1828, entered as a student of the Inner Temple.

His legal studies procured for him the privilege of acting as a solicitor and he was admitted as a draughtsman below the Bar until the Easter term in 1842, when he was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, and commenced to practice in the Court of Chancery.

From 1846 to 1847 he was a reporter in the Courts of the Chancery, Knights-bridge, and Stuart—a trio of eminent English jurists of the early Victorian period.

In 1860, Judge Smale was appointed Attorney-General for Hongkong and in 1866 he was raised to the dignity of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court upon the demise of his predecessor, Judge Adams. In 1874, he received the honour of Knighthood by patent from Queen Victoria.

Sir John J. Smale arrived in Hongkong on Monday, April 22, 1861, by the P. and O. steamer Columbian. He was accompanied by his clerk, Mr. George Proctor, and was slated to take the place of Mr. Adams, the retiring Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Until that worthy departed for home, Sir John served as Attorney-General.

On June 14, he was further appointed a member of the Legislative Council, his appointment being confirmed by notification on January 10 of the following year.

STICKLER FOR FORM

On Sir John's first appearance as Attorney-General he proved that he was going to be a stickler for the forms and customs observed in the Courts at home, which, if we are to believe contemporary accounts, were not as yet established here. He created a stir from the very first; for he appeared in Court arrayed in the customary horse-hair wig of an English jurist. "Wigs were now mentioned in the records for the first time," says a contemporary account, and even the Chief Justice (Judge Adams) was "in favour of their being worn and the Court being held with the ceremony and solemnity attendant upon an English tribunal."

During his long sojourn of over twenty-two years in the Colony, fifteen of which were spent on the Bench—Sir John Smale delivered decisions on thousands of cases, and was especially concerned with what he termed the "three evils" of Hongkong—opium, brothels, and slavery. Upon the first, it must be said that he did little except venting openly his indignation at the system then in vogue of permitting the drug to be imported and dealt in by private firms.

Upon the latter two, however, he did much real service, and his fulminations from the Bench did much to curb the flagrant evil of supplying the brothels of the Colony with unwilling victims recruited by every means of subtle artifice from the hinterland of China.

GENESIS OF PO LEUNG KUK

His concern for these "sisters and daughters of men" was genuine and through his recommendations a number of the public-minded citizens of the Colony got together and established that institution intended for the work of rescue and re-habilitation of these unfortunate victims—the Po Leung Kuk.

It is also to Judge Smale that we owe the genesis of the anti-slavery legislation intended to ameliorate the lot of the "pe-i-nai," or so-called "slave girls" in our Colony. The Judge was firmly opposed to slavery in any form, and the world may well render its gratitude to him for his ceaseless efforts in suppressing the infamous traffic which was such an unfortunate interlude in the relationship of the so-called "Christian" nations of the West with those of the East.

Least readers do not comprehend what is meant, let me hasten to explain that from the fifties to the early seventies of the last century, great fortunes were made by unscrupulous individuals in the supplying of Chinese labour for the guano pits of Peru, and the sugar plantations of Cuba.

This trade was carried on at Macao and to a certain extent, here in Hongkong. Heartless crimps were sent into the Chinese villages of Kwangtung to inveigle the simple country-folk into the idea of going abroad with the specious lure that vast fortunes could be wrested from labour there within an incredibly short time.

With such bait thousands were lured to Macao and induced to sell themselves into servitude for varying periods in order to pay for their passage. The conditions of recruiting and the barbarous treatment and nameless indignities which these poor deluded victims endured became notorious.

The newspapers of this period were filled with lurid accounts of the kidnappings, seductions and wholesale massacres of disaffected

coolies who realised too late how they had been tricked by these fiends who profited from the sale of human flesh. At length, in 1874, the Western Powers finally moved to outlaw this shameful traffic. Great credit for its final abolition was due to the efforts of Sir John Smale, who, single-handed, had been fighting the invidious trade from the Bench for years—freeing any kidnapped coolies who had managed to escape from the ships in transit to the American continent.

His judgments on this subject were as momentous locally as that of the famous "Dred Scott" decision in the United States during the fifties, and resulted in the emancipation from bondage of scores of unwilling victims.

Judge Smale was always very highly regarded by the non-European community and on April, 1866, when he went home on twelve months' leave the Chinese community got up an address and testimonial to be sent to him, and, as a further expression of their regard, joined with the Chinese merchants in subscribing the sum of \$1,500 to be expended on a magnificent service of silver plate and a set of Canton Chinaware.

Sir John was delighted at the splendid presents (the duty on which alone amounted to £70), and he replied in an effusive letter of thanks. Those who may wonder at the reason for such lavish gifts, may be reminded that, at that time, Court officials in the Colony were quite ethically permitted to carry on a private practice of law in addition to their official duties. Quite often the income from such extra-official

activities was greater than the stipend attached to the governmental post.

In Sir John Smale's case it must have been handsomely remunerative; for he was the legal adviser of the entire Chinese community, and we can glean an inkling of how highly he was regarded from the presentation of a costly service of plate which we have referred to above.

SENILITY SETS IN

During the last year of Sir John's stay in the Colony he became somewhat irascible and petulant. His eccentric conduct was not confined to his home life, but was openly manifested in Court and soon attained the name of ludicrousness. The Supreme Court became crowded with spectators not interested of course in the trials of the day but in the actions of the Chief Justice.

Sir John became the buffoon of the moment and his sessions were filled with those who wanted to witness the spectacle of a Chief Justice "hauling some of his subordinates over the coals."

The local Press of that day seized upon the occasions with grateful alacrity and we have many accounts of Sir John's unreasonable outbursts of spleenetic censure upon those who displeased him. One of the most disgusting of these scenes was when the petulant old man apparently took a sudden dislike to the Registrar, Mr. Henry Frederick Gibbons, a young man who had just come out from England. Sir John went out of his way to openly humiliate this official in open Court, and Gibbons, being apparently a man of spirit, naturally resented being taken to task and "sassed back."

The local press said of Sir John on one occasion: "In the Criminal Court he (Sir John) has shown himself a lecturer of the first water; it is to be hoped that for yesterday's performance he will call himself to task and rate himself as he so well knows how to rate others."

EXHIBITIONS OF ILL-TEMPER

"And these exhibitions of ill-temper, been in private," states Norton-Kynsle in his "History of the Laws and Courts of Hongkong," "they might well have been passed over in silence, but when, as in the present instance, they emanated from the highest judicial seat in the Colony, from whence wisdom, justice, and dignity should flow, it became, as very properly remarked, a matter for public indignation, and compassion and pity for the man, and disapproval of the Judge."

On April 6, 1881, Sir John who had previously resigned his office, left for home on retirement. Before his departure, he was feted by his local admirers, who had gathered to the number of 70 or 80 at St. Andrew's Hall to express their appreciation of his services to the Colony. An Address signed by 123 members of the community was read to the departing jurist. It said in part:

"In looking back over the many years of your laborious career there is one matter which we feel assured, you must ever contemplate with pride and gratification. We allude to the attitude you have firmly maintained towards slavery in whatever form disguised, and the nefarious trade in women and children, too often for the most nefarious of purposes, so long carried on in the Colony. The fruition of your work is not yet complete, but the policy you have done so much to inaugurate and carry out will never cease to be honourably associated with your name."



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and Earl)... The Hill Billies;
Favourite Favourites, No. 3—
Fox-Trot Medley... The Bally-
hooligans; Thar's Gold in Dem
Thar Hills (Connor and Lisbon)...
'Headin' Home (film 'Here Comes
the Band')... The Hill Billies; The
Ballyhooligans Make Whoopee—Fox-
Trot Medley... The Ballyhooligans.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press;
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.1.40 Variety.
Orchestra—España—Waltz (Wald-
teufel); Castanet—Waltz (Willy
Richard); Barnabas Von Gezy
and His Orchestra; Vocal—Whispers
In The Dark (film 'Artists and
Models'); I Will Pray (Nichols)...
Frances Day (Soprano); Piano—
Mine Alone—Slow Fox-Trot; Day
In—Day Out—Quickstep... Gerry
Moore; Vocal—In Your Eyes I Can
Read Romance (Niederberger-Hel-
ler); I Am Yours Alone (Wilczinski-
er); Van Aulken... Joseph Schmidt
(Tenor); Orchestra—Firefly Selec-
tion... Louis Levy and His Gau-
mont-British Symphony.2.15 Close Down.
2.00 Chinese Programme.2.00 Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Silvery Moon And
Garden—Sander—Quick-Step—You
Can't Stop Me From Dreaming...
Henry Jacques and His Correct
Dance Tempo Orchestra; Tangos—Se
Lo Llevaron; La Punalada... Or-
chestra Tipica Francisco Canaro; Fox-
Trot—Manhattan Holiday... Jack
Harris and His Orchestra.7.15 London Relay—Take Your
Choice—Presented by William Mac-
Lure.'Introduction'—The Orchestra;
'Under City Lights': A brief glimpse
in song at a London Cabaret; 'Tales
of Ben Bigg' No. 6: A series of Com-
mercial Rumours written by Lauri
Wyllie; 'The Bungalow Man'; Wan-
dering in song and melody; 'The
Spinner of Death' Episode 6: 'The
Houseboat on the Brandy'; 'Yours
Sincerely'—The Orchestra.7.45 London Relay—A Theme
and A Song This week: Whistling
Songs.8.00 Boy, The Girl, and the Trio
with Josef Marais and His Band. The
programme presented by William
MacLure.7.55 Dance Record.
Waltz—Symphony (film 'Firefly')... Roy Fox and His Orchestra.
7.55 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.8.03 Studio—Albert A. Barton
(Baritone) accompanied by Nura
Kanis (Piano).1. The Gay Highway (Frederick
Drummond); 2. There is a Lady
(Hinfrey); 3. O Flower Divine
(Haydn Wood); 4. I Travel the Road
(Pat Thayer); 5. Tally Ho (Francis
Leon); 6. Bless the Children (Ed-
ward Nichol).8.23 Studio—Recital by Ettore
Pelleggatti (Cello) accompanied by
Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).Sonata in A Major (Boccherini);
Concerto in B Minor (Gottschalk);
9.00 Relay of the Band of 2nd Bn.
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Greed Ages A Man,
Fear A WomanDOCTOR FLAYS GLUTTONS
IN GET-FAT FIFTIES

IF a man reaches 50 without learning to keep fit he must be a fool, declared Dr. Leonard Williams, 76 years old, and author of books on the art of living and obesity, at a luncheon in London.

"And he is usually the kind of fool who is bald-headed and pot-bellied," Dr. Williams added bluntly, "a big, gluttonous, smoke-sucking beast, who deserves all he gets and more, of gout, high blood pressure, eczema and arthritis. He even deserves a nagging wife!"

Dr. Williams was much less critical of the plump, middle-aged woman, who, he said, was usually nice, serving of pity than of censure, though there were a good many women of the affluent classes who deserved all the abuse he had addressed to the men.

He referred to "the paint-bedizened, cocktailing, bridge-playing, mincing, female smoking, shapless flounder, who so often disfigured race meetings and the front row of the stalls."

Fear, always a bad counsellor, was middle-aged woman's worst enemy, and women frightened themselves into looks and habits much older than their real years.

"Obesity in a middle-aged man, in 90 per cent. of the cases, is due to excessive intake and insufficient output in the way of exercise and otherwise," declared Dr. Williams. "In women, obesity at middle age

in 75 per cent. of the cases is a glandular matter about which not enough is yet known.

BLAMELESS WOMAN

"In man, it is safe to say that his fatness is due to self-indulgence, in woman it is certainly not."

The first thing to remember about middle age was not to be frightened of it. Instead, one should learn to relax, to be philosophical and to keep one's nervous system well under control.

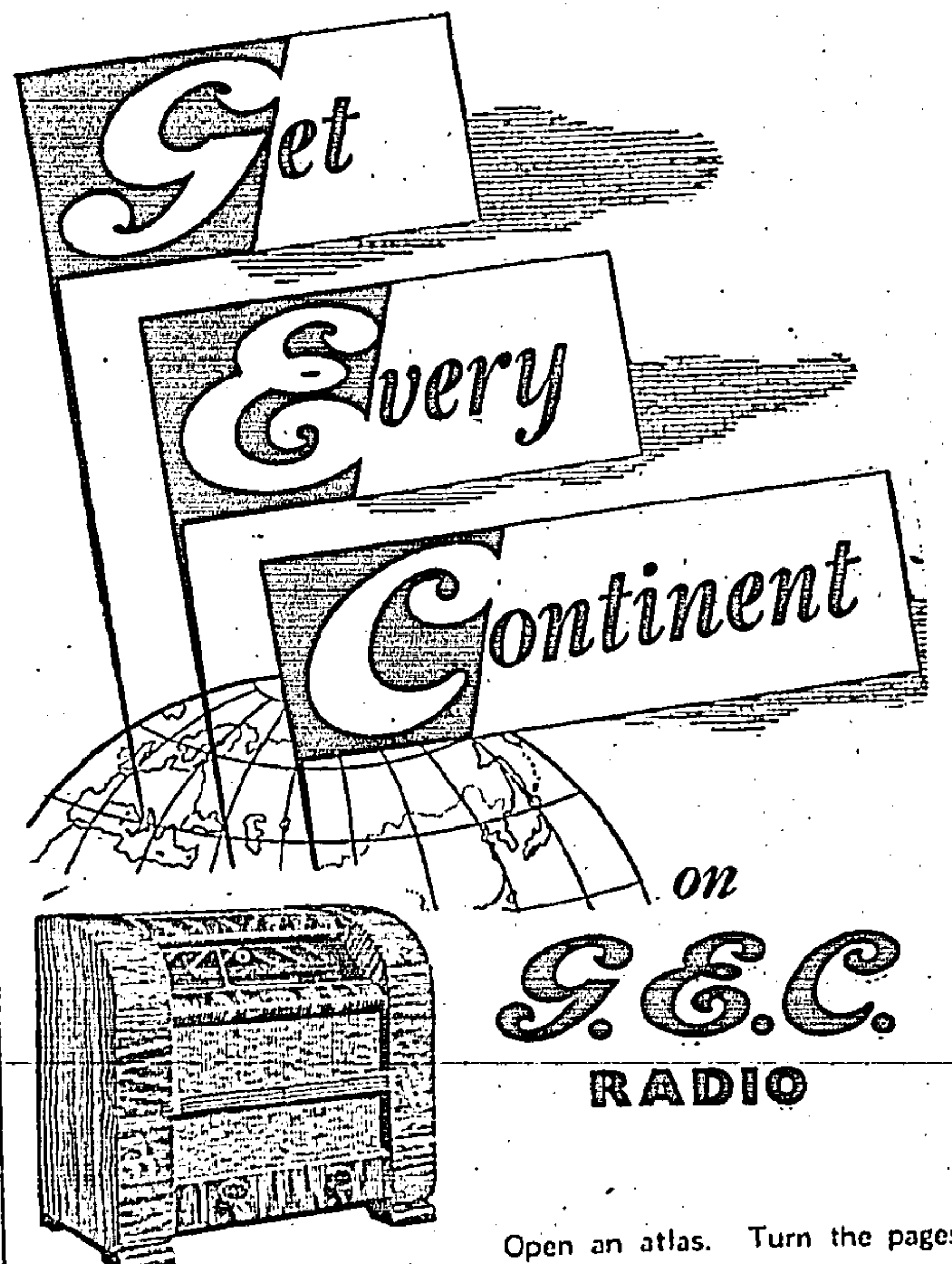
"It is as necessary to be parsimonious about food as it is essential to be prodigal with fresh air," remarked Dr. Williams later.

"And when I say parsimonious I use the word as meaning intelligently, reasonably careful, and certainly not as lending any sanction to the semi-starvation regime to which some girls subject themselves for fear of developing their mothers' middle-age spread."

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"SEEDED" PLAYER MAY NOT ENTER SEMI-FINALS

T. F. YONG HAS A HARD TASK AHEAD OF HIM DRAW OF BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

(By "Abe")

Judging by the draw, made yesterday evening, of the local Badminton Championships, M. A. Oliveira, P. H. Wong (holder), P. K. Hui and T. F. Yong have obviously been "seeded" in the Singles, but all four cannot be regarded as certain of reaching the semi-finals.

In the top half, Oliveira and Wong have no opposition at all, and it seems certain that they will clash in the penultimate round. But in the bottom half are several good men who may provide one or two surprises. Hui is fortunate in that he has only to beat either F. Tsang or J. A. Chen to get into the semi-final, and that he will do so is a foregone conclusion. I am not so sure of T. F. Yong, however. If Au beats J. L. Anderson—and this match appears to be the best of the first-round ties—he should give a very good account of himself, and it would not surprise me in the least to see him overcome the Universally stalwart.

Personally I think that the semi-finalists will be M. A. Oliveira v. P. H. Wong, and P. K. Hui v. C. Au.

In the Doubles, the four pairs which have been "seeded" appear to be P. H. Wong and C. Au, L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva, P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, and M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios.

Here again, I am not sure that these four combinations will enter the semi-finals. P. H. Wong and C. Au, P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, and M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios are almost certain of doing so, the only doubtful pair being L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva. The reason why I doubt the claims of Carvalho and Silva is that in their second round match they will probably have to meet C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee, of the University, who are the best pair in the first round. Carvalho and Silva, however, are regarded in some quarters as the best doubles combination at the Club de Recreio. M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios notwithstanding.

LIKELY FINALISTS

The semi-finalists will very likely be Wong and Au v. Lee and Lee or Carvalho and Silva; Hui and Yong v. Oliveira and Remedios.

Unless I am very much mistaken, neither Wong nor Au will prevent Hui and Yong in the final.

The most open event is the Mixed Doubles, in which several good pairs are participating. P. H. Wong is making his first attempt here and will be partnered by Miss M. Cheung, who turned out for the C.R.C. before. As holders, P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo will be established as favourites, but in J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro, M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, Wong and Miss Cheung, and J. L. Anderson and Miss Griffiths, the champions will find serious opposition.

The draw resulted as follows:

MEN'S SINGLES

M. A. Oliveira, bye; S. Y. Hon, v. A. L. Fisher, N. A. E. Mackay v. S. W. Clark; Patrick Wong, bye.
P. K. Hui, bye; F. Tsang v. J. A. Chen, J. L. Anderson v. C. Au, T. F. Yong, bye.

MEN'S DOUBLES

P. H. Wong and C. Au, bye; J. A. Chen and F. Tsang v. F. Kwok and G. A. Smith; N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chua v. C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee; L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva, bye.

P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, bye; P. Wilson and N. Smith v. S. W. Clark and A. L. Fisher; H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves v. P. Y. Lo and J. Tsang; M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios, bye.

MIXED DOUBLES

P. H. Wong and Miss M. Cheung (bye) v. H. A. Barros and Miss A. Wright (bye); J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths v. A. Keown and Miss J. Cunningham; H. A. Alves and Mrs. Castro v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva; P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo v. A. L. Fisher and Miss M. Ribeiro; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark (bye); L. A. Carvalho and Miss A. C. Remedios (bye) v. J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro (bye).

OPENING PROGRAMME

The opening programme will be played on Wednesday, February 10 when the following matches will be played at the Club de Recreio: 6.30 F. Tsang v. J. A. Chen (Singles).

7.00 N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chen v. C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee (Doubles). 7.30 J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths v. A. Keown and Miss J. Cunningham (Mixed Doubles).

8.00 S. Y. Hon v. A. L. Fisher (Singles).

R.W.V. Robins And Middlesex

"I am not yet in a position to say whether it is possible for me to carry on for another full season. It goes without saying that I would very much like to."

This was the reply made by R. W. V. Robins to a statement made recently that "his captaincy of Middlesex next season can be taken for granted."

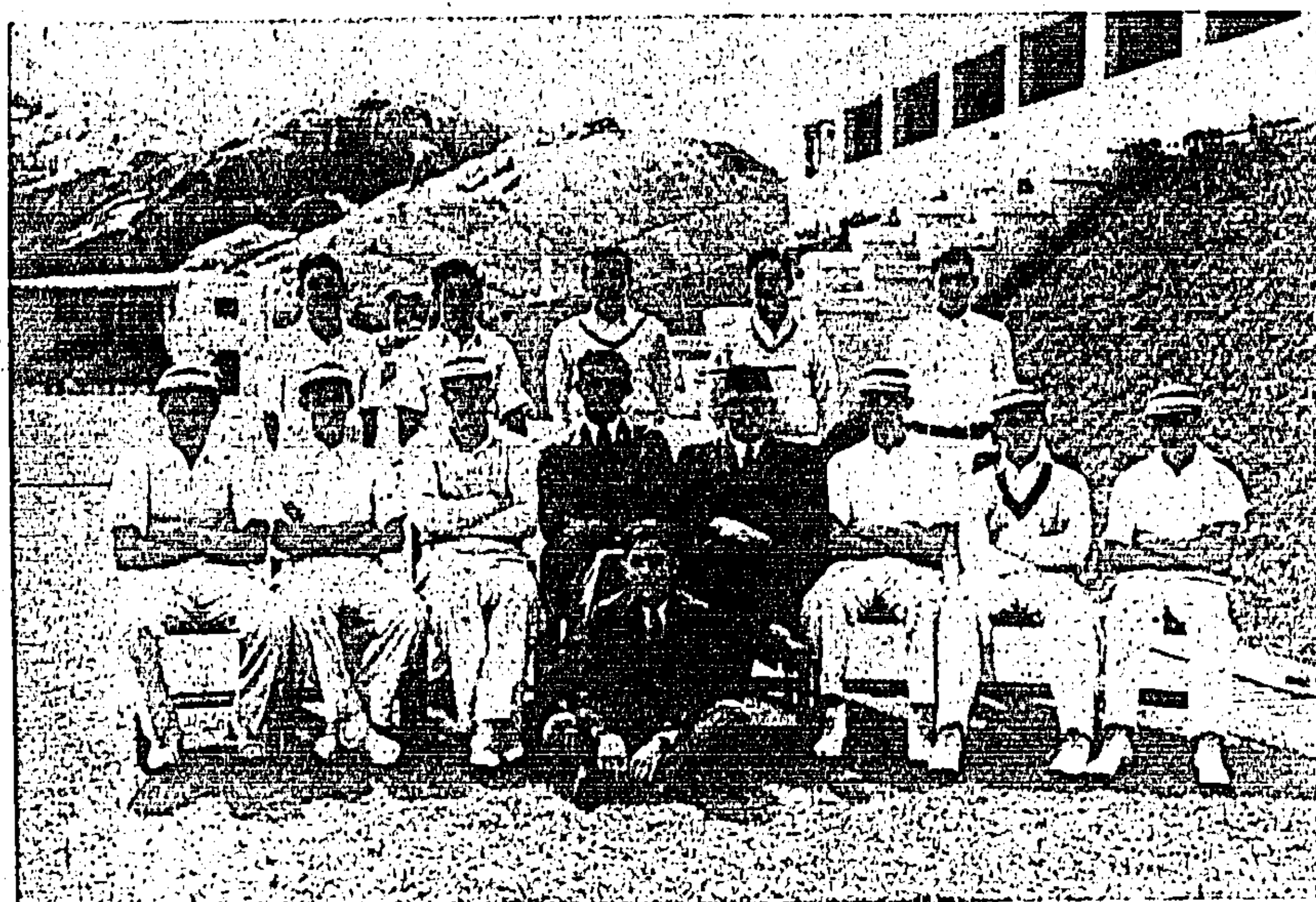


Photo taken recently of the Central British School cricket team. Seated in the centre are the Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell (Headmaster) and Mr. W. Mulcahy. (Photo: King's Studio).

THIS CUP FOOTBALL IS A GRIM BUSINESS

Failure Will Cost Arsenal £10,000

By Arbliter (Frank M. Carruthers)

To every Cup-tie hangs a story of hope and tribulation. The winning players feel their feet on the road leading to Wembley, while for the club victory means at least another gate and possibly great prosperity.

Pity the beaten team. Their hopes have been rudely shattered and they have the dejection of failure.

Truly Cup football is a desperately serious business by which the lives of men and clubs are shaped.

For the club defeat probably means pinching and scraping to balance the budget or to keep the bank overdraft down to the minimum.

League gates are likely to slump immediately—unless a bid can be made for the championship. Only winning teams attract the crowds, and to go out of the Cup competition means to go out of favour.

THE WORST FEATURE

This is the worst feature of all. Clubs compete knowing that they are entering on a huge gamble, and so serious is the loss of prestige when they are knocked out that they are often left to reflect that they would have been better off if they had not taken part in the event.

It is inevitable, too, that the troubles of the clubs become the misfortunes of the players. In order that money may be raised, some of them probably have to be transferred. Or they may have to submit to a reduction of their wages during the summer, or their suspension.

I recall a club chairman addressing the men to this effect on the eve of a cup-tie: "I am sorry to tell you that we are hard up, and if you want to be signed on again in May you must earn the money to pay your wages. Your only chance is to get it through the Cup, and in your interests as well as ours I hope you will take it."

HIGHLY DANGEROUS

It was a highly dangerous warning, because many matches have

London, Jan. 5.

ONE MORE RECORD

BRADMAN GOES ON AND ON

When he was dismissed for 54 in the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria recently Bradman had scored 6,280 runs in Sheffield Shield cricket. This is 6 runs better than the previous record, which was established by Clem Hill.

It was made in about half the time, however, and it seems likely that the figures that will be established by Bradman before he retires will assume gigantic proportions.

He needs only about 30 runs to establish new figures in first-class cricket. Hill now holds that record, with 17,221 runs.

There are few records now remaining for Bradman to better, but there is one that Bradman will not establish for some time. That is the greatest age of a player in first-class cricket. Dr. W. G. Grace played his last first-class game when he was aged 59 years. Bradman is now aged 29 years, so he has to wait 30 years to break that record.

The feature of the match was the bowling of Fleetwood-Smith, who took eight of the nine wickets that fell.

(Since then, Bradman has bettered Clem Hill's second record).

JOE HULME LEAVES ARSENAL

By Charles Buchan

London, Jan. 7.

Arsenal, for seasons regarded as the team of all the talents, last night threw a bombshell into the Soccer world by the announcement that Joe Hulme, their international outside-right, had been transferred to Huddersfield.

He is the fifth player to leave Arsenal for other clubs during the past few weeks.

The others are: Bowden to Newcastle, Davidson to Coventry, Elgers to Heart of Midlothian, Milne to Middlesbrough.

A New Swimming Record

Copenhagen, Feb. 8.

The Danish ladies' swimming team, including Ragnhild Hveger, holder of six world's records, established a new world figure of 4 mins. 29.7 seconds for the four-times-100 metres free style relay to-day, beating by 3.1 seconds the previous record by the Dutch national team.—*Reuter*.

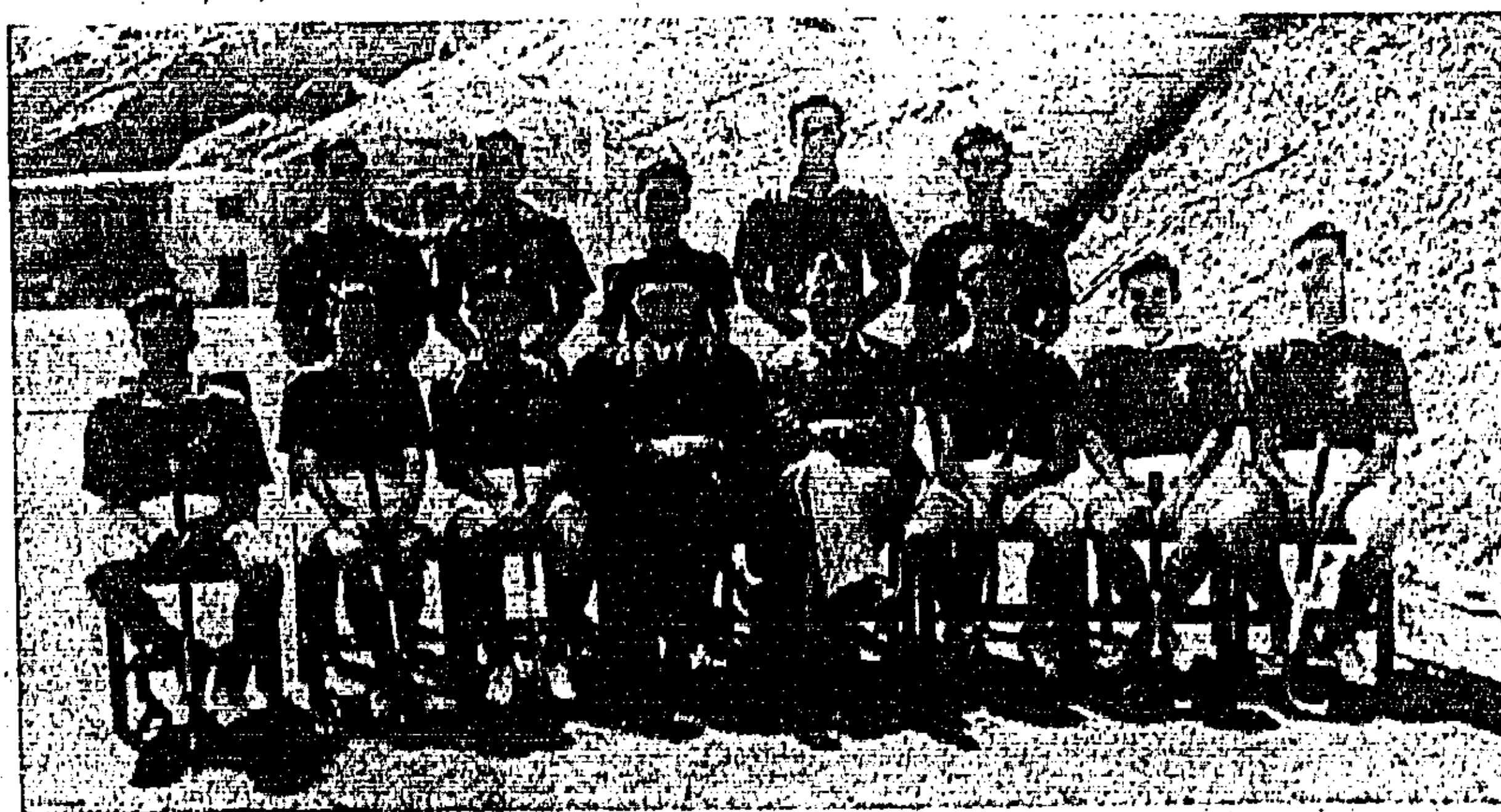
been lost through men trying too hard to win. In this case, the players made a magnificent response, and by the success they achieved opened up a new era for the club.

These conditions obtain in every tie to be played on Saturday, even to the clubs of the First Division.

If the Arsenal are knocked out by Bolton Wanderers it may be equivalent to a penalty of £10,000, and even more unless they remain in the running for the League championship.

The development of the competition until it now regularly produces about £225,000 has created these huge financial responsibilities, and they are unavoidable.

To the public whose interest is only in the play and the progress of the clubs they are of little concern, but they may have a far-reaching influence and perhaps contribute to the many surprises which Cup football creates.



Hockey team of the Central British School, taken recently on the school grounds. Seated in the centre are the Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell (Headmaster) and Mr. D. McLellan. (Photo: King's Studio).

Petersen Will Fight Again

"IF I GET REASONABLE OFFER"

London, Jan. 9.

JACK PETERSEN IS COMING BACK TO THE RING. He made this clear to the *Sunday Chronicle* last night while all the boxing world was discussing his refusal to accept a £20,000 contract offered by his father on behalf of a syndicate.

Jack Petersen, former heavy-weight champion of Great Britain, has been on the retired list since last April, when a London eye specialist advised him to give up fighting because of the danger to his sight.

"I will certainly return to the boxing game," said Jack, "if and when I get a reasonable offer, but I would be a fool to turn down an attractive proposition."

"If a promoter comes along with one I shall certainly consider it."

"Why did I refuse my father's offer? Simply because it was not good enough."

"It was a contract for 12 months, but no stipulation was made as to the number of fights."

A TEMPTING OFFER

"An offer of £20,000 for a single contest, which it was reported was made to me the other day, is the type of offer I should consider."

"A return to the ring might harm my eyes, but I should have to take the risk."

"Since my retirement I have been keeping fit, and it would take me about two months to get back into boxing trim."

PHENOMENAL RISE OF TABLE TENNIS OVER 70,000 PLAYERS IN BRITAIN ALONE

London, January 16.

ADD together a fourpenny celluloid ball, a 3s. 6d. wooden bat, a large table, and a strip of green netting about 6in. high, and the result is a game that:

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Draws 90,000 spectators, who pay £5,000 to watch one week's play.

Such is the rise in popularity of a game played by children on a parlour table a score of years ago. It is no longer "ping-pong," but table tennis, one of the world's major sports.

The 4,000 clubs in the English Table Tennis Association each pay pay 3s. 6d. a year. And with a total revenue of £3,000 a central office in London is maintained, and a magazine published.

In 1928 the first international championship matches were held in London. Six nations competed. The "gate" money was £150. This year, from January 24 to 29, 16 nations are sending their teams to London. The Albert Hall and the Empire Pool at Wembley have been secured for the occasion.

CHAMPION'S HANDICAP

Seats cost up to 10s. 6d., and judging by advance bookings, it is expected that "standing-room only" signs will be used for the finals.

Else and Northern Ireland are combining in sending over an all-Ireland team. Egypt is sending a team for the first time.

G. V. Barna, the Hungarian world champion, has been playing match table tennis for the last ten years, and is now 20.

"I am now thinking of retiring," he told the *Sunday Chronicle* yesterday. "I am too old for the competitive game. I am putting on weight, which is a handicap in a game that needs speed."

But whoever aspires to be the new champion has to beat him, age or no age.

It must have cost Arsenal at least £17,000 to sign these five players to their pay-roll.

Joe Hulme, in addition to having seven English international Soccer caps to his credit, is also a cricketer of distinction, having on four occasions scored over a thousand runs in a season for the premier Middlesex county side.

Hulme also shines at golf, for which he has a handicap of six, and can readily run up a break of over 100 at billiards.

NO WORD FROM TILDEN

Local Officials Not Sure If He Is Coming

(By "Abe")

Since last September no word has been received from "Big Bill" Tilden as to whether he is bringing his troupe of tennis professionals to Hongkong for a series of exhibition matches.

Though it is known that he and three other pros, Henri Cochet, A. Burke and R. Ramillon, will appear in Manila in exhibitions on February 10, 12 and 13, Tilden has not informed the Hongkong L.T.A. when he is coming here, if at all.

When he wrote to the local L.T.A. asking whether it would be all right for him to bring a professional team to the Colony, Hongkong officials wrote back in the affirmative and promised him the necessary support.

Mr. C. J. Tacchi, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.L.T.A., informed me yesterday that Tilden had not replied to his letter, and until a reply was received here, nothing could be done as regards arrangements.

According to the Malaya newspapers, Tilden and his troupe will be in Singapore at the end of the month, and it also appears that they will also play at Kuala Lumpur. It is almost certain, therefore, that even if Tilden does intend to bring his troupe to Hongkong, it will be sometime in March.

But at present, nothing is definite.

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Yodel and Smile.
MR2508—Yodelling Eric Harry Torrani.
Yodelling to Caroline.
"FULL BILLIARDS"
MR2520—Drifting Down The Golden River.
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LEAGUE CRICKET

Craigengower And Army
Teams Selected

The following players will represent Craigengower Cricket Club in the League fixtures on Saturday:

1st XI v. Army (Sookunpoo).—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, A. R. H. Esmail, A. B. Hanson, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, F. K. Lee, W. H. Sling, G. Souza, J. L. Youngsage and F. R. Zimmermann.

2nd XI v. Recreation (Home).—C. W. Lam (Capt.), D. Hung, B. H. France, A. Kitchell, G. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, H. P. Lim, A. M. Omar, W. R. Popley, G. Winch and A. Zimmermann.

Army Selections
The Army team against Craigengower will be composed of the following:

Capt. J. R. Mackintosh-Walker, Major G. S. Rawstone, Major G. P. Murray and Bdsman. Cheney (Senforth); Lieut. C. E. Godby (R.A.), Lieut. R. A. Barron (R.E.), Lieut. L. C. Beadnell, Lieut. M. P. Woodson, Lieut. C. M. M. Man and Pte. Hatfield (Middlesex); and Lieut. Douglas (Royal Scots).

COMBINED SCHOOLS XI

The Combined Schools will meet the Craigengower Cricket Club in a friendly game of cricket at Happy Valley on Sunday, February 13, at 2 p.m. The following will represent the Schools:

W. Mulcahy (Capt.), F. J. Lay, A. J. Prata and D. Cray (Diocesan Boys' School); N. J. Booker, W. Gegg, C. H. Hoggood and D. Hallidge (Central British School); K. M. Rumsdell (Queen's College); J. Gosano and Z. Gosano (La Salle College). Reserve, G. Kew (D.B.S.).

N.S.W. WINS SHIELD

Adelaide, Feb. 8.
South Australia beat Victoria in the Sheffield Shield cricket match today by 155. Scores were South Australia 157 and 240, Victoria 105 and 177.

This was the last match in the Sheffield Shield. New South Wales are on top with 21 points, Victoria second with 14 points, South Australia third also with 14 points, and Queensland last with five points.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

NEW ZEALAND
TENNIS

Wellington, Feb. 8.
A. D. Brown won the men's singles tennis championship of New Zealand today by beating R. Peterson 6-0, 7-5, 6-1.

Miss Margaret Beverley won the women's title, defeating Miss D. Miller 6-2, 8-6.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

BRITAIN'S TOP 20
TENNIS STARSMany Young Players
Coming On

By F. R. Burrow

London, Dec. 26.

The last issue of *The Observer* for 1937 appears to be as suitable an occasion as any for taking a look at the performances of English players during the year and considering their relative position, based on those performances. I think it must be at least a dozen years since I first began to publish a Ranking List of my own in *The Observer*—some years, at any rate, before any official Ranking Lists were published by the L.T.A.

That I should have gone on doing so, now that an official list is annually published, would seem superfluous; but I do not feel inclined to discontinue my custom, because I continue to receive so many inquiries as to when my ranking list will be published that it is evident that it is of interest to many players of the game.

Those who take the trouble to compare the list given below with this year's official list published by the L.T.A. a couple of months ago, will note that there is much less variation between them than has been the case in some recent years. Indeed, eleven out of the L.T.A.'s twelve and of the first twelve in my list, are the same players, though not quite in the same order. The similarity may be accounted for partly because the L.T.A. has extended the scope of its basis of calculation, which does not now, as it did formerly, consist only of the play in the six "summer" months, whereas I have always taken into calculation the play of the whole year, which seemed to me to be the logical basis for compiling an annual ranking list.

The L.T.A. compilers have not yet taken quite so comprehensive a view, but they have added certain competitions, such as the Covered Court Championship and the Inter-County Hand-court Championships to their list of play to be noted. Partly, also, because there has really been singularly little variation in form among our players from the previous year; and the form of nearly all those of the first dozen or so who follow H. W. Austin has been so in-and-out that it is almost impossible to separate them. The L.T.A. list does, indeed, separate them, with the exception of the two players on its list who jointly occupy the twelfth place; but I have preferred to bracket two or three, or more players together because I consider

them to be so nearly of the same strength that it would be impossible to forecast the result of a match between any two of them. After all, if it is permissible, and wise, to bracket two men together at No. 12, there is no reason why two, or three, men should not be bracketed together higher up in the list.

PERSEVERE

I include twenty players in my list, as against the twelve of the L.T.A. I feel sure (because in the course of a season I hear a good deal to this effect) that ranking lists are a real incentive to improvement. Yet a player may improve a lot in the year's play and still fail to get into a list of twelve. This may discourage him especially if he has beaten some of those who are included; but if he finds himself in my list it will show him that his improvement has been noticed by one who is in close touch with tournaments and tournament players, and encourage him to persevere. Inclusion in my list one year, I have noticed, has often led to inclusion in the L.T.A.'s list the following year.

With the necessary proviso that the list given below does, and can, indicate my personal opinions only, and that it does not carry any official sanction of any kind whatever, I submit it:—

1. H. W. Austin (2).
2. C. E. Hare (6).
3. C. R. D. Tuckey (10).
4. D. W. Butler (6).
5. H. F. David (—).
6. H. G. N. Lee (3).
7. R. A. Shays (19).
8. H. D. Wilde (3).
9. C. M. Jones (10).
10. D. McPhail (—).
11. J. S. Ollitt (10).

EMPIRE GAMES

Australian Victories In
Cycling Events

Sydney, Feb. 8.

In the Empire Games at Henson Park to-day Porter (Australia) won the cycling finals over 1,000 metres in 1 hour 15 minutes 2 seconds. Johnson (Australia) was second in 1.15.7, Mills (England) third in 1.15.9, and Maxfield (England) fourth in 1.16.3. The first three broke the Games record.

The 10 miles scratch race resulted in a win for Maxfield (England) in 24 minutes 44 seconds. Hicks (England) was second and Rose (South Africa) third.—*Reuter.*

BILLIARDS TITLE

Only Davis Enters For
World Tourney

London, Feb. 8.

The British Billiards and Control Board announce that, owing to inadequate entry, the contest for the world's professional championship will not be held this year. The only entry was that of Davis, present holder.

The match at present being played at Sydney between Walter Lindrum and McConachy is not regarded as a title contest. Latest scores were Lindrum 3,123 and McConachy (in play) 1,334.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

1. H. Billington (10).
2. E. C. Peters (6).
3. N. Sharpe (6).
4. M. D. DeLoford (6).
5. E. J. David (—).
6. E. J. Filby (—).
7. R. J. Ritchie (15).
8. G. R. B. Meredith (15).
9. P. V. V. Sherwood (19).

(N.B.—The figures in brackets show the places which the players named occupied in my list for 1937).

Four players—F. J. Perry, G. P. Hughes, E. R. Avery, and J. L. Chamberlain—disappear from my last year's list. Perry having "gone over," and the other three having played too little competitive tennis to make it possible to estimate their present form. They are replaced by H. F. and E. J. David, E. J. Filby, and the Scottish champion, D. McPhail. (R. K. Tinkler would have found a place if business had not prevented him from playing more than a very little).

Austin, naturally, stands alone as No. 1 in the list. It is a close thing between Hare and Tuckey for second place: Hare the more brilliant, Tuckey the more reliable. Still Hare, at his best, has proved himself able to beat players whom Tuckey might hardly be able to tackle, and (again at his best) he would seem to deserve the higher place. This would undoubtedly be his if he could learn to keep his head at critical moments, and to time the conduct of his matches better.

A PUZZLE

Then comes a block of five whom I find it impossible to separate. Most of them have met each other more than once during the year, not always with the same result. Of the five, Shays is certainly the most improved during the year: he is now so strong a player that, when he has learnt to concentrate more, he should be quite a possible candidate for Davis Cup play. Butler has also come on a good deal; Lee and David retain their old form remarkably well; and Wilde, when he chooses, can be very good indeed. Why singles should appear to bore him, unless under perfect conditions, is a puzzle. In the next block of three Jones has hardly fulfilled the promise of the early part of the year: he played himself stale and lost his form. McPhail has strengthened his game very much; he is close on the heels of those above him. And Ollitt has played better, and less casually, than for some time past. Another block of three includes Billington, Peters, and Sharpe—a young and very promising player, and two almost veterans, whom most young players may regard it as a great feather in their cap if they can defeat. DeLoford, who comes next, has not had it all a good year; I had high hopes of him after his 1936 season, but he has done little to encourage them. Of the three bracketed sixteenth, Filby had one glorious week when he beat in succession two strong American players and Tuckey, but he has done almost nothing good since the early summer. E. J. David has played well this year, and so has Ritchie at times. My list ends with two players, Sherwood and Meredith, who, had they more opportunities for play, would be much higher up in the list. I look to Shays, Butler, McPhail, and Billington to show a further advance in 1937, and with confidence.

Tickets
For
The Tests
On Sale For
Oval Game

By Ronald T. Symond

London, Jan. 5.

Tickets for reserved seats at the final Test match, to be played between England and Australia at the Oval, starting on August 20, are now on offer to the general public.

Already tickets to the value of £5,000 have been sold through Surrey County Cricket Club members and to Australia. The cost of seats varies from 4s. 6d. to 12s. per day, according to position. These prices include entertainment tax, but not admission to the ground, which is 3s. a day.

A special form of application, giving full particulars, together with a plan of the ground and seating accommodation, has been prepared, and can be obtained from the Secretary, Surrey C.C.C., Kennington Oval, S.E. 11.

No applications are considered unless made on this appropriate form, and no single purchaser may buy more than four seats for any one day.

For the second Test match, beginning on June 24, at Lord's reserved seats will be sold to the public on and after March 1. Prices range from 9s. 6d., 15s. 6d. per day (including admission to the ground and tax). Admission only, as at the Oval, will be 3s., while 2s. 6d. a day will be charged for the Test matches at Nottingham (June 10), Manchester (July 8), and Leeds (July 22). Arrangements for the sale of reserved seats at these matches will be made known later.

WHERE MONEY GOES

Money received from the Test matches is distributed as follows:

One half of the money paid for admission, less tax, is taken by the winning team. The remaining half of the gate money, plus all receipts from stands, less tax, is available for distribution to the English counties after the deduction of all expenses incurred in connection with the matches.

The sum finally available for home distribution is, under present arrangements, divided: 60 per cent. to the first-class counties and the M.C.C., 30 per cent. to those clubs on whose grounds the matches have been played, and 10 per cent. to the minor counties.

Recently the report of the Findlay Commission suggested that the sum available be distributed on a different basis, but there is much uncertainty as to the likelihood of any substantial change being made.

Gate receipts during the last Australian tour in England (1934) were as follows:

Nottingham	£14,569	14	6
Lord's	23,225	0	6
Manchester	16,227	11	13
Leeds	15,633	5	0
Oval	18,658	0	6

A grand total of £88,313 12s. 5d. was thus obtained, and each first-class county received approximately £1,500. Those clubs on whose grounds the matches were played received proportionately larger sums.

SPORT ADVTS.

EXHIBITION MATCHES.

Saturday, 19.2.38 Corinthians vs. S.C.A.A.

Sunday, 20.2.38 Corinthians vs. United Services.

Saturday, 26.2.38 Corinthians vs. Civilians.

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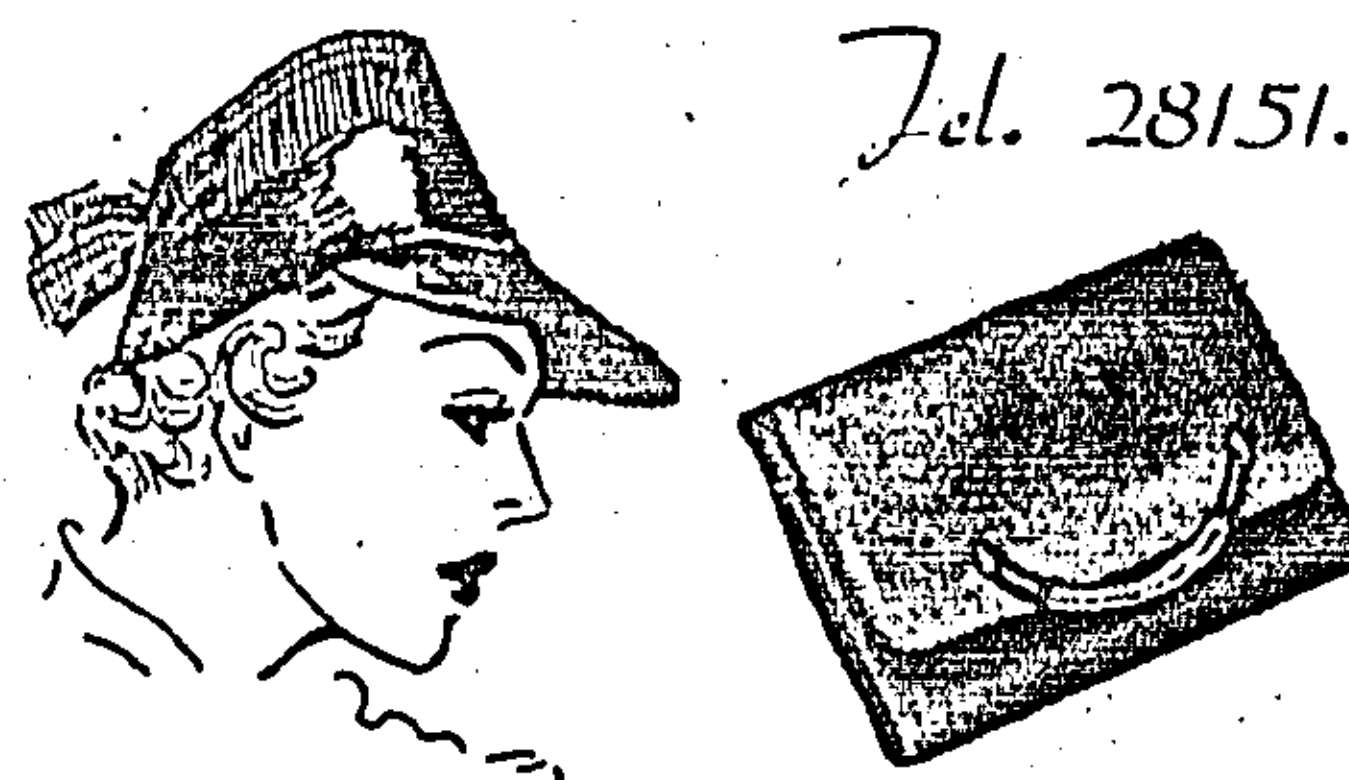
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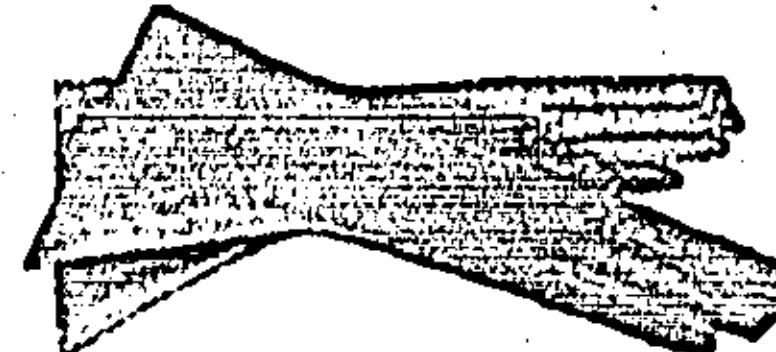
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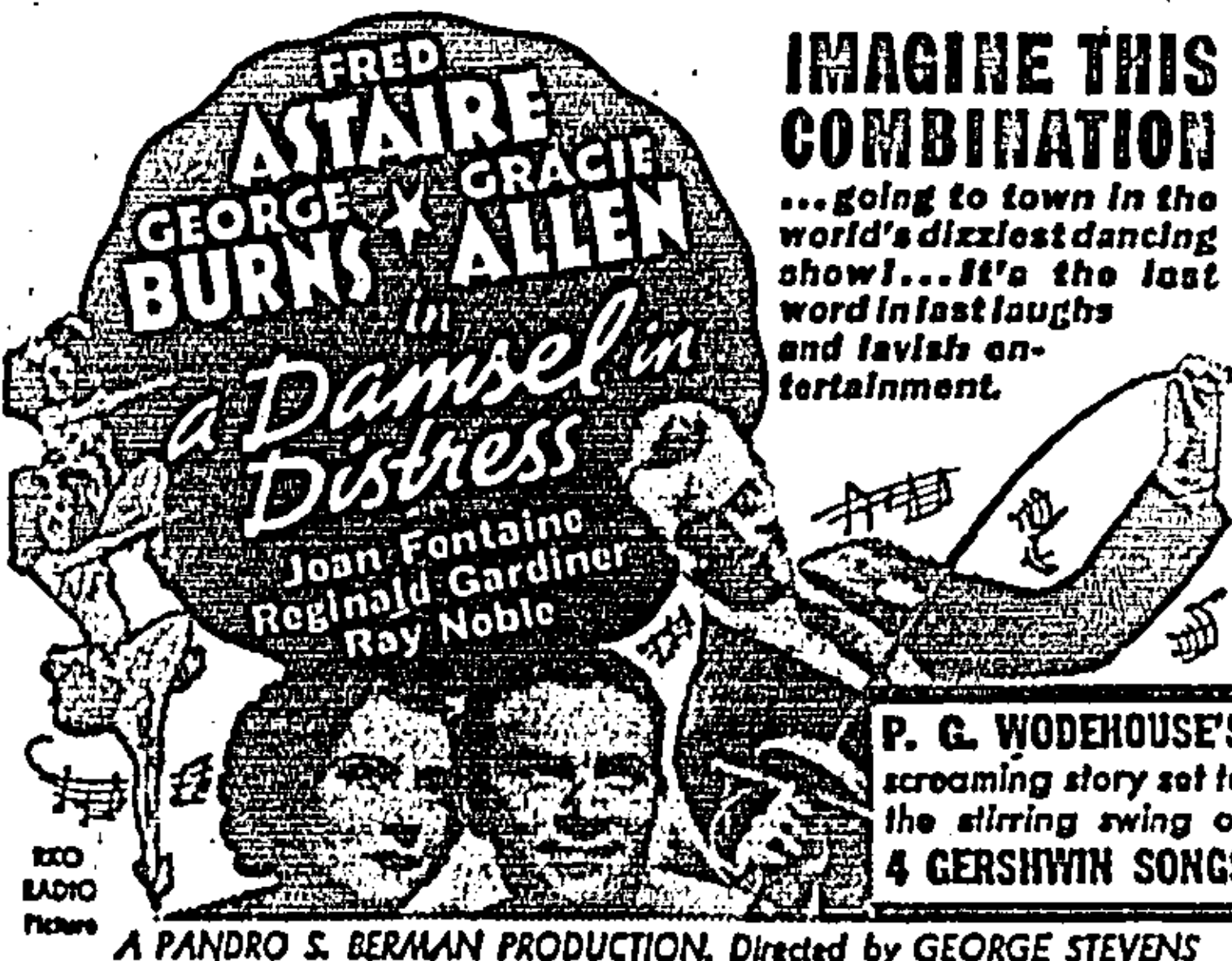
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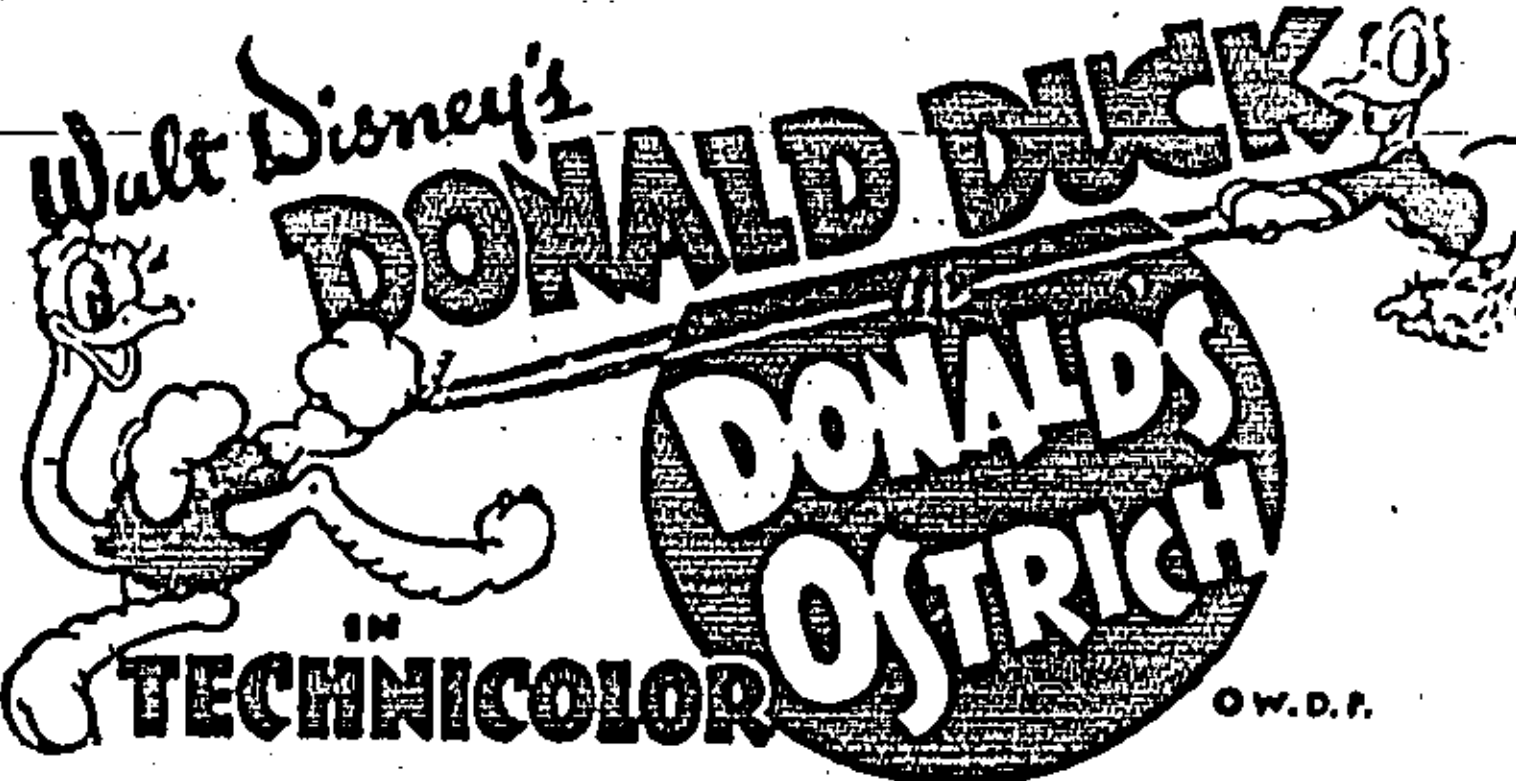


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BRITISH AMBASSADOR STOPS MASSACRE IN SPAIN

Sir Henry Chilton Saves 2,000 Lives

SIR HENRY CHILTON, British Ambassador in Spain, has saved the lives of 2,000 men, prisoners of war on both sides in the Spanish conflict.

This has been revealed in Paris by Senor Aguirre, President of the Basque Republic.

CLOUSTON CRASHES AT CYPRUS

Attempt On Record Ends Dismally

Nicosia, Cyprus, Feb. 8. Flying Officer A. C. Clouston, who, with a newspaper correspondent was attempting to fly from England to New Zealand and back in 12 days, crashed when landing here this morning, owing to a burst tyre.

The airman propose returning to England by boat on February 12.

Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Betty Green last year succeeded in establishing a new record on an England to South Africa and return flight.

Joint Defence Measures By Japan And Germany

Tokyo, Feb. 9. Japan and Germany are exchanging information regarding joint defence measures in line with the anti-Comintern Pact, the Home Office has revealed.

A spokesman announced that the Japanese Government is contemplating the organisation of a special staff of officials to be stationed in Tokyo, Berlin and Rome, to enforce the tripartite Anti-Comintern Pact.

STOP PRESS

REINFORCEMENTS MOVING

Hsinhsiang, Feb. 9. Large numbers of Japanese troops are reported to have been sent from Taining and Lungwangmiao, in south Hsiao, to Luning on the Canal in west Szechwan presumably to reinforce their men on the Hsinhsiang-rurou railway front.

Five hundred Korean and Manchukuo irregulars, and 3,000 Japanese troops equipped with over 30 tanks have arrived at Changchun as reinforcements. The Japanese numerical strength there is now estimated at 10,000 men.

The Japanese at Changchun shelled and machine-gunned the Chinese positions intermittently yesterday but made no attempt to rush the Chinese line.

This has been revealed in Paris by Senor Aguirre, President of the Basque Republic.

"In a systematic endeavour to exterminate the Basque youth," he said, "one thousand young people were sentenced to death by Franco."

"I asked the British Embassy to use its good offices, with the result that the executions have not so far been carried out."

Behind that laconic announcement lies one of the most dramatic incidents in the Spanish fighting, says the Daily Herald.

The 1,000 Basques were to have been executed by garroting, a form of death introduced into the Basque country by the rebels.

As soon as the news reached Barcelona, the Spanish Government informed Mr. J. H. Leche, British Charge d'Affaires, that such an outrage would be followed by immediate reprisals, and 1,000 Franco prisoners would be executed.

Sir Henry Chilton was at once instructed from London to intervene. As a result, Franco agreed to suspend execution of the sentences.

Efforts are being made to arrange a transfer of the sentenced men from one side to the other. Negotiations are in the hands of the International Red Cross.

The men sentenced to death, Senor Aguirre said, are only a part of the hostages held by Franco in the Basque country.

"10,000 prisoners in Bilbao alone," he said, "in December 1937 people were executed. Since the insurgents gained power there have been 1,000 assassinations."

Garbo Might Have Been a Cook

STOCKHOLM.

THIRTY-ONE YEARS AGO MR. O. GUSTAFSSON, STOCKHOLM TAXI-DRIVER, RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HIS BROTHER IN MALMOE.

"It's a girl," said the letter. "We are going to call it Greta. . . I am glad, but would have preferred a boy. A girl costs a lot of money, and never gets a good, satisfactory job."

Last week that girl arrived back in Sweden for a four months' Christmas holiday.

She did manage to obtain a fairly good, satisfactory job.

She is known to the world as Greta Garbo.

"I still have that letter from my brother," Mr. Gustafsson said. "And I often re-read it when I see newspaper reports of Greta's successes."

Mr. Gustafsson continued his reminiscences of the early days of his famous niece.

"Our families were very poor," he said. "We thought that Greta would have to get her living as a cook."

"I remember her well as a child. She was very thin . . . and a savage little kid until she was eight."

"She used to play rough games with the boys in the street."

HER "STRANGE IDEAS"

"And once she fell from a banister and cut her thigh. I believe that she still has the deep scar left by that wound."

"As I was working in the capital, my brother asked me to find a job for Greta."

"I tried to get her a place at the big Stockholm fashion firm, Hobson and Braun, but I did not succeed."

"So she remained in Malmo. She was offered a job as a cook, but . . ."

"In December, 1922, I had another letter from my brother:—"

"Greta has begun to get strange ideas," he wrote. "She absolutely refuses to take up a job as domestic servant. One of her friends has put the idea of the stage into her head. She wants to go into a touring company. . ."

THE LAST STRAW

Brooklyn, N.Y., Jan. 1. Mrs. Ethel Seigel, said in court it was bad enough that her son Irving, 19, lost thirty-three jobs since the beginning of 1937. But, she said, when he threw a bowl of cream in her face because she wouldn't serve him chicken and steaks, that was too much.

Magistrate Nicholas H. Pinto held Irving in \$500 bail on an assault charge.



ARRESTED — Baroness Shizue Ishimoto, one of two women arrested in Tokyo in the recent raids that netted 370 suspected agitators. The Baroness, writer, birth control advocate and editor of the Japanese Women's Encyclopedia, has made frequent visits to the United States. She is a graduate of the Peers School.

Canada.

SURPLUS POWER FOR U.S.?

Ottawa. Mr. Mackenzie King, the Dominion Prime Minister, announced that the Dominion Parliament would reconvene on January 27.

One of the subjects to be taken up in Parliament, the Premier stated, would be the export of electric power from Canada to the United States.

Mr. Mackenzie King has so far objected to the demands of both Mr. Hepburn, Premier of Ontario, and Mr. Duplessis, Premier of Quebec, that their provinces should be allowed to export their surplus power to the United States.—Reuter.

New Zealand

CLOSER RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA

Wellington, Monday. Mr. White, the Australian Minister of Customs, who is at present in Wellington, declared in an interview today that he had come to New Zealand at the request of the New Zealand Government.

"Now is the time to bring the English-speaking communities closer together for mutual help," he said.

"Australia has gone to great lengths to foster good relations with New Zealand, and there are but few trade problems which are incapable of adjustment by the two countries."—Reuter.

Straits Settlements

INCREASED MILITARY EXPENDITURE

Singapore, Monday. A bill is to be introduced into the Straits Settlements Legislature providing for increasing expenditure on local military forces from £58,300 to £70,000 annually.—Reuter.

POLICEMAN AIDS IN BIRTH

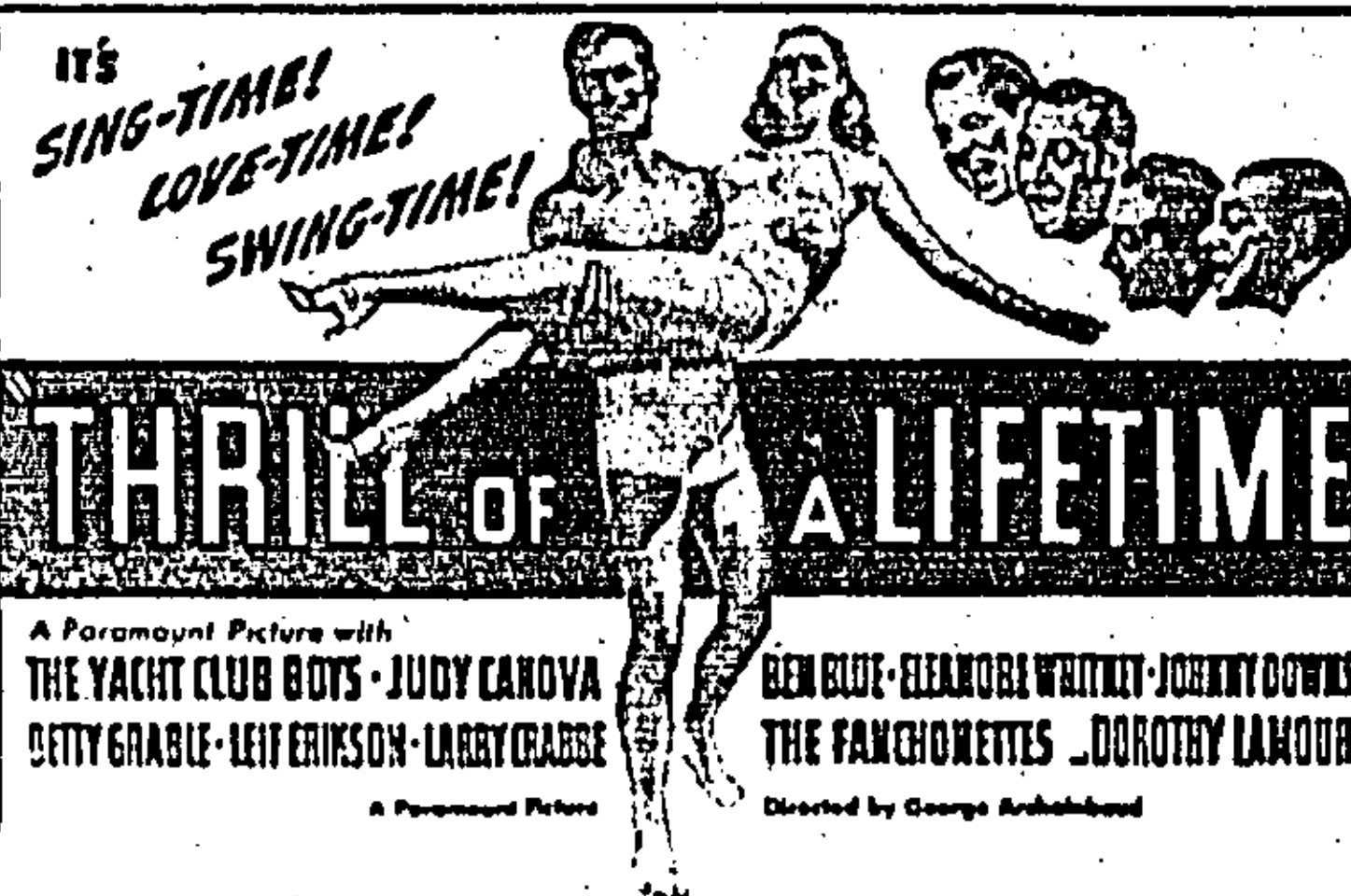
New York, Jan. 1. When patrolman George F. Robinson was called urgently to help Mrs. Carmen Barcel give birth to a 7-pound baby, he knew just what to do. It was the sixth time since becoming a policeman that he had been called to perform this type of duty.

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JAPANESE RAIDER REPORTED

(Continued from Page 1.)

only two minutes after the urgent alarm had sounded.

Anti-aircraft batteries engaged them heavily, and shell-bursts were very close. But the gunners did not succeed in bringing any of the planes to earth.—United Press.

One Plane Officially Reported Downed

Hankow, Feb. 9.

It is officially reported that one Japanese bomber was shot down 18 miles west of Hankow after yesterday's raid.

Thirty-three Japanese planes raided Shensi and Ichang.—United Press.

Russian Mechanic Killed

Hankow, Feb. 9.

A Russian mechanic was killed yesterday when a French pilot of the International Squadron landed his plane after pursuing Japanese raiders. The Russian was struck when the Frenchman swung his tail.

It is notable that the Chinese used a smoke screen to protect the arsenal here.

It is at present claimed that 30 Japanese planes attacked the city but only 18 succeeded in breaking through the defence cordon.—United Press.

Building Big New Clippers

Pan-American Line's Plans Disclosed

Bigger and faster Clippers for trans-Pacific routes will probably be used within the next year or so, according to Mr. E. O. McDonnell, member of the Executive Committee of Pan-American Airways, who arrived here on the Hawaiian Clipper yesterday afternoon.

Mr. McDonnell said that a fleet of six Boeing flying boats was at present under construction in Seattle and that the first would be ready for test flights by the end of March.

Some of these ships will be placed on the trans-Pacific service while others will be assigned to the trans-Atlantic run. They are capable of carrying 40 passengers on long hops and have a day-time accommodation for 72 persons.

Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Carl Seal, of Los Angeles, are going to India on a big game hunt and will leave for Hongkong by the steamer Canton to-morrow.

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JAPAN TO REJECT POWERS' DEMANDS

WON'T DISCLOSE NAVY PROGRAMME PRESS DECLARES

Invocation of Escalator Clause Considered "Act of Arrogance"

Tokyo, Feb. 9.
The Foreign Office and Ministry of Navy have drafted replies "rejecting the unreasonable demand" of the British, French and American notes regarding Japanese naval construction, according to the *Asahi Shimbun*.
The replies are being despatched on Thursday or Friday, at the latest, adds the paper, which also says that the phraseology in the three replies is slightly different at the essential points are the same in substance.

OUTLINE The *Asahi Shimbun's* version of the draft reply is summarised as follows:
Japan has not participated in advance notification clause of the Naval Treaty of 1930, so there is under no obligation to the Powers regarding naval construction. The invocation of the escalation clause of the treaty is rather an "act of arrogance," which matter does not concern Japan.
Japanese policy of autonomous development based on non-menace and aggression remains unchanged, and is ready at any time to enter discussion for qualitative reduction, provided the quantitative issue is first settled.—*Reuter*.

EARLIER OPTIMISM
Tokyo, Feb. 9.
It is expected that the conclusion of the naval consultations will be reached to-day, and the authorities will then begin drafting a reply to the various notes received from Britain, the United States and France.

There is not the slightest indication of the nature of these replies, although many observers in high circles feel that world nervousness due to possible expansion by the nations, should be calmed. Because of this some predict that the reply will reiterate Japan's willingness for a discussion directed towards a limitation in building, providing basis, namely, that a genuine reduction will be made with a common upper limit. However, Japan is not expected to initiate such a discussion.

NO FORECAST POSSIBLE
Naval commentators told the *United Press* that it was impossible to forecast the reply, and they could not discuss it even to the extent of denying foreign rumours before the reply was completed.

The present indication is that Japan does not desire to antagonise the other Powers. Hence her reply will be courteous despite press complaints of an attempt to learn the Japanese naval programme by high-handed procedure.

Some announcement of the progress in the consultations and the reply to be made is expected some time to-day.—*United Press*.

TO TACKLE PALESTINE PROBLEMS

Commission Soon To Be Announced

London, Feb. 8.
When the composition of the new Palestine Commission is announced shortly, it is expected that it will be found to consist of four members—one legal expert, one financial expert, one with administrative experience, and the fourth with experience in boundary commissions.

Invitations to serve on the Commission have already been sent, and it is hoped that the Commission will be in a position to begin its fact-finding work in Palestine in seven or eight weeks.—*Reuter Special*.

Battleships Best Weapon Of Defence

But Are Vulnerable Admits Expert

Washington, Feb. 8.
On the controversial subject as to the value of national aerial and arms defence, Admiral William Leahy testified to a special committee to-day that battleships were the best modern "defence" weapon, but were not invulnerable, as they could be sunk either by aerial bombs or by torpedoes if struck often enough in the right places.
Admiral Leahy closed his testimony to-day, and the committee went into recess until to-morrow.—*United Press*.

STOP PRESS

Chinese Capture Wuhu, Hankow Report Asserts

WINE AFTER BATTLE



These battle-grimed soldiers of Japan pause during operations between Wush and Nanking for refreshment—hot sake.

NO REPORT OF LANDING

There is as yet no report of a large-scale landing of Japanese in South China, in spite of the prediction that one would be attempted to-day.

Shanghai, Feb. 9.
Unconfirmed Chinese reports from Hongkong "originate" in "Japanese sources," say three Japanese divisions will attempt to land in South China to-day.

Chinese official quarters ridicule the report, although it is considered an attack is possible within two weeks.—*United Press*.

Britain Pleased With Italy

Mediterranean Aid May Lead To Improved Relations

London, Feb. 8.
Italy's decision to apply measures for strengthening the Nyon agreement in accord with steps taken by the British Government to meet the recent revival of piracy in the western Mediterranean has caused satisfaction in official circles in London, where it is hoped this may pave the way to further and more effective co-operation in other aspects of the Spanish conflict.

It is learned there already have been helpful conversations between the Foreign Secretary and the Italian Ambassador on these matters, and it is understood that the British Government is anxious to make further progress in this respect during the present week. If unity of purpose and action of the two governments on the Spanish issue can be achieved, thus eliminating an important source of difference, then prospects of a general understanding between Rome and London will automatically improve.—*British Wireless*.

Dr. R. B. Gray Robbed Of Large Sum

The loss of a wallet containing three £5 New Zealand notes, and local currency to the total value of \$320 from his residence between 10 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. on Monday, has been reported to the police by Dr. R. B. Gray, of 15 Seymour Terrace.
Mrs. W. Kirk, of 5 Po Shan Road, reported to the police the loss of a fur between Hillwood Road and St. Andrew's Church yesterday.

New Dictator Of Economics For Germany

Berlin, Feb. 8.

General Hermann Goering—has turned over the Ministry of Economics to Herr Walter Funk, who, declares a newspaper, will assume economic dictatorship of Germany and will undertake a strict regimentation of industry.

In the meantime, General Goering has denied that he is relinquishing direction of his four-year economic plan.—*United Press*.

FILLIP TO PRIVATE CAPITAL

NEW U.S. SCHEME HINTED

Washington, Feb. 8.
It is learned that the Administration is considering legislation to permit national banks to underwrite securities, thus seeking to stimulate private capital.

Well-informed circles state that fiscal officials are studying the tentative draft of a bill, although the Treasury has disclaimed knowledge of this. The bill would permit national banks to underwrite the same type of securities which they are at present allowed to buy, which in effect, would limit their underwriting largely to bonds, since banks are prohibited from purchasing stocks.

Although not assuring the complete revival of the capital markets, some authorities say that the bill would broaden and aid the investment field, and would be psychologically favourable.—*United Press*.

GS100,000,000 TO AID INDUSTRY

New York, Feb. 9.
The House Banking Committee has approved a bill for the permanent application to the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$100,000,000. The bill provides that the Treasury must replenish any impairment in the capital.

The original capital of \$100,000,000 is expected to be impaired to the extent of \$50,000,000 by March 31, on the basis of the present cotton prices, according to the investigation committee.
The maintenance of the full capital is desirable to add vim and to enable the C.C.C. fully to avail itself of the authorisation of the issue of debentures to five times the amount of the capital.—*Reuter Special*.

Munitions Ship On Way To Hongkong

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 8.
A newspaper report says that the States Steamship Company's s.s. Kentucky sailed in December, and the s.s. Michigan sailed in January, en route to Hongkong carrying munitions.
The Kentucky promised a bonus to her crew of \$300, and the Michigan \$3150, in addition to establishing \$10,000 war-risk insurance for each sailor, and paying longshoremen at overtime scale of wages for loading explosives.—*United Press*.

RAIDERS ALARM CANTON

Shameen Hears Crash Of Bombs But Sees No Planes

Canton, Feb. 9.
The air raid alarm sounded shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, and later several explosions were heard in the district by Shameen residents.
At least seven bombs were dropped in districts north of Szechuen.
No planes were sighted, due to the dull weather conditions, but the roar of engines was audible.—*Reuter*.

NINE PLANES ATTACK RAILWAY

Later.
An official report states that nine Japanese planes participated in this morning's raid, dropping a number of bombs at Shekpi, apparently aiming at the Kowloon-Canton railway.
The damage has not yet been ascertained.—*Reuter*.

RENEWED ATTACKS

Canton, Feb. 9.
After a respite of two days, the Japanese planes renewed their air attacks in Kwantung yesterday.

The air raid alarm was sounded in Canton at 9 a.m. when a Japanese plane was sighted flying over the Boeca Tigra Forts. The plane later circled over the Canton-Samsui Railway and flew off to sea without dropping any bombs.
A second alarm was given around 2 p.m. when 13 planes in three groups came from the direction of Tongkwan. Eight of them attempted to fly into Canton city but were driven off by heavy Chinese anti-aircraft gunfire. They dropped several bombs in the suburbs before they departed. Others attacked Po On, Lotung on the Canton-Hankow Railway and Shek-lung on the Canton-Kowloon Railway. Damage was slight.—*Central News*.

Koreans Aid Chinese

Hankow, Feb. 9.
More than 40,000 Koreans are now joining the Chinese volunteers in Manchuria harassing the Japanese, according to Mr. Chin Chiu, a leader of the Korean Nationalist Party, in a recent interview.

Ever since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, many Koreans wished to come to fight for China. However, he said, the difficulty of leaving Korea accounts for the small number of Koreans actively serving this country.

Japanese surveillance has rendered revolutionary activities in Korea extremely difficult, Mr. Chin revealed. But in Soviet Russia the Koreans have much freedom. They are allowed to arm themselves, and form revolutionary organisations openly.

Mr. Chin paid a high tribute to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's determination and fortitude in resisting Japanese invasion. He expressed profound confidence in the ultimate victory of China.—*Central News*.

DEATH OF GREEK CABINET MINISTER

Athens, Feb. 8.
The death is announced of M. P. Reddis, Minister of the Greek Government.—*Reuter*.

EARLIER DESPATCHES TOLD OF STEADILY ADVANCING COLUMNS

Mobile Units Fire Fuel Tanks At Airport; Very Severe Fighting

(Special to "Telegraph")

Hankow, Feb. 9.
The *Sao Tang Pao*, official Chinese military organ, to-day confirms that Chinese troops have recaptured Wuhu, after furious fighting yesterday.

Chinese reports state that mobile units reached the airport and set fire to the gasoline storage tanks there. Very heavy fighting was proceeding near-by.

No details of the entry into the city are obtainable.—*United Press*.

ITALY MAY CLEAR OUT OF SPAIN

Remarkable Article Says She Wants Peace With Britain

London, Feb. 8.
The *Evening Star* carried banner lines to-day announcing "Mussolini Will Fight No More In Spain." Beneath was a story by the newspaper's political writer, in which he said:

"Mussolini, I am now certain, is preparing to leave Spain lock, stock and barrel. Forces which led him to withdraw men secretly some weeks ago are growing stronger."
Even if it looked as though General Franco were winning, he has "too monarchial views to please the dictator," adds the article.
"Abyssinia is calling for troops and may need more. The last straw is the dramatic change in Germany, with the possibility of a threat to Austria. Against repercussions of this nature, Mussolini wants to mass troops on the north-east frontier of Italy."

The writer said that Mussolini's only price will be the resumption of the Anglo-Italian talks, for which Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Neville Chamberlain have made preconditions as indispensable preconditions, first, the cessation of Italian anti-British propaganda in the Near East, and secondly non-intervention in Spain.

"Recently Italy has shown an eagerness to meet those two conditions. Italy cannot spare men and supplies, and Hitler's intentions in Central Europe have roused Italy's suspicions."—*United Press*.

Japanese troops launched an attack on the Chinese positions at Lufu, west of the railway, yesterday afternoon. After a two-hour brisk engagement, Chinese reinforcements arrived and drove back the invaders who left 300 dead on the battlefield. The Chinese losses were also great.

Chinese military circles state that the Japanese sustained considerable losses on February 7 when a squadron of Chinese planes bombed Japanese positions at Pengsu and Hualuan.—*Central News*.

Englishmen Prefer To Suffer

London, Feb. 8.
The Minister of Health stated to-day in a speech at Ipswich that of the 200,000 fractures treated annually in the hospitals of Great Britain, only one quarter are dealt with in the departments, organised in accordance with the most modern principles, which, it had been shown, not only saved much suffering and discomfort, but reduced the period of disability. Sir Kingsley Wood appealed for an increased support of the improved fracture services.—*British Wireless*.

NO MAJOR CHANGE

Hsuehchow, Feb. 9.
Despite many clashes, there has been no major change on the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front during the last two days.
In anticipation of a major battle the Chinese military command has rushed heavy reinforcements to the north bank of the Hwai River and has ordered the defence works there to be strengthened.
Military observers believe that the main objective of the Japanese drive (Continued on Page 4.)

Cut this out
and paste it
in your
Cookery Book

LEMON CURD

THIS is a useful standby for tarts and sandwiches. Put 1lb. of butter into a saucepan, let it melt slowly then stir in a pound of sugar and the juice and finely grated yellow part of the rind of four lemons. Stir in four beaten eggs and cook very slowly, stirring well, until the curd thickens, then put into small jars and cover. It is important not to let the mixture boil hard after the eggs have been added, or curdling will take place. Orange curd can be made in the same way, using three oranges and one lemon in place of four lemons. For a change in tarts, make short-crust pastry cases, put a teaspoonful of finely chopped candied peel at the bottom, cover with lemon or orange curd, top with meringue mixture, and dredge with sugar over before browning lightly in the oven.

Finnish Tea-Parties

THE women of Finland are very fond of entertaining, and, as they make perfect hostesses, tea-parties are a popular form of entertainment in Finland during the winter. The Finns are by no means rich people, and the housekeeper has to manage on a small allowance, so she does not entertain in an extravagant fashion.

As electricity is cheap, the women can make their flats warm and comfortable at very little cost. Coloured lights make the Finnish homes look charming at night.

The tea-party is a jolly affair. It usually begins about seven o'clock and lasts till ten or eleven. The hostess never overflows her room with guests, and she knows the art of creating an atmosphere of friendliness.

Tea is served in glasses with lemon. A Finnish teapot is a weird-looking affair. There are two storeys. The upper storey is filled with boiling water.

A side table is laden with all kinds of delicious sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, fruits, and sweets. You cut all evening at a Finnish tea-party.

Every guest takes a present of fruit, cake, sweets, or flowers to the hostess. Flowers and much appreciated, for they are scarce and expensive during the long cold winter. Finnish women like all kinds of flowers. They depend upon them to decorate their rooms, which seldom have any ornaments or even pictures in them.

When saying "good-bye" you always thank your hostess for the good things you have eaten, especially mentioning anything that has taken your fancy which you have not tasted before.

If you meet your hostess in the street next day you must stop and shake hands with her and thank her again for her kind hospitality.

M. W.

Reducing Noise in the Home

THIS is an age of noise and bustle, but it is the minor household noises that play havoc with the frayed nerves of the housewife. Sudden piercing noises thrust themselves upon our attention, and quite often they are easily remedied.

The slamming of a door, that comes almost like a box on the ears, can so easily be put right. Yet how often is it taken as something we have to put up with? A drop of oil on the lock and a little rubber door-stop will work wonders.

Shrieking windows that need vicious jerks to get up or down will glide quite freely with the aid of a little lard and some oil on the pulleys. The one that rattles can be fixed in a second with a couple of small wedges.

We all know the shrill squeak that is inherent in moving furniture. It

is just another of those things that "can't be helped." Just another case where a little oil on the casters would mean a little less wear on faded nerves.

While attending to inside doors, do not forget the front gate that heralds callers with a whine and a clatter. If it slams too hard, the spring needs adjusting until it only just shuts, and half the noise is gone at once. A very loose latch may be another source of noise. Give the hinges a little attention with that universal remedy, the oil-can, and they will no longer whine a welcome to visitors.

It is surprising how tempers improve when these small, irritating things are remedied.

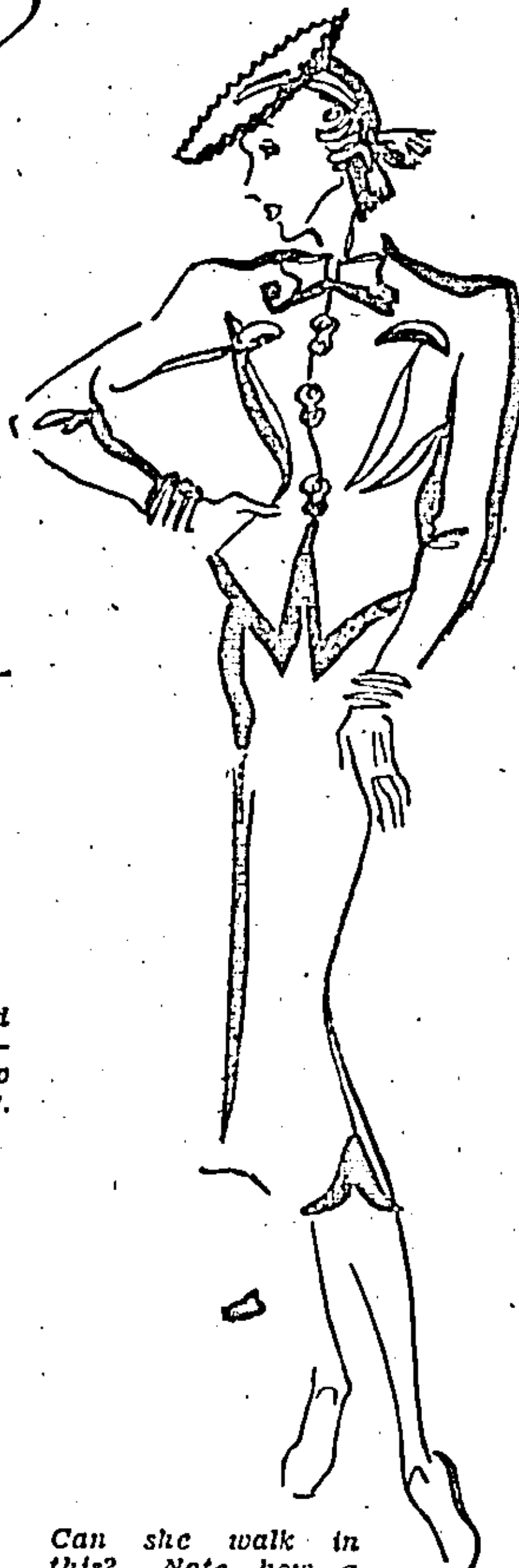
Make up your mind to go round all the household irritants at the

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Ever tried thought-reading?

TRY a little thought-reading with your friends; they will think you are a wizard. Sit down a little distance from your audience. Have half-a-dozen small sheets of paper and a pencil on a table in front of you.

Invite your audience to give the name of any animal. When this is given write it down on the first piece of paper. Ask for another name and write on another sheet, and so on until each sheet has been written upon.

Now fold each piece of paper neatly and drop them into a hat. Mix them well, and then ask some one to take out one of the papers and hold it still folded. Then take the remaining five sheets and tear them to tiny pieces and scatter them on a plate.

Tell your audience that in the scraps you can read the name written on the selected paper. When you announce the name, the paper will be opened and found to be correct.

The secret of this trick is that you write down the first name given to you, and after that, no matter what names are called out, you write on the pieces of paper the one first given.

Cheap Eating
DO you want to know of a really economical pet—one that lives on the least food? Then try keeping moths—they eat only holes.

Baked Halibut
WHEN time is precious, here is a very simple way of serving halibut. Butter a shallow fire-proof dish. Wipe 2 steaks of halibut, and rub both sides with lemon juice. Then sprinkle with pepper, salt, and paprika, and place in dish. Mix a tablespoon tomato ketchup with the same quantity of water and pour over the fish. Cover with buttered paper, and bake for 30 minutes, basting once or twice. Remove the paper, sprinkle grated cheese over, and brown in the oven or under the grill.

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Your Daily "Half-Dozen"

THERE are three paramount factors which govern our health—fresh air, diet, and exercise.

Fresh air is essential if the full benefit of the exercises is to be reaped. Therefore, in the summer, exercise, if you can, out of doors, and in the winter always with an open window before you.

Culture from the mental, physical, and beauty point of view is necessary, and one should not be allowed to develop at the expense of the other. I do not recommend daily exercises as a substitute for sport. The two are entirely different, and each is supplementary to the other. Exercises of a purely remedial and medicinal nature are performed for a purpose—that of benefiting the strength and the figure. I would go so far as to say that a certain number of exercises, performed every day, are a necessity to all women.

The exercises which I am going to suggest should be called your daily "half-dozen," for there are six of them. They should be performed, if possible, before your bath in the morning. Take a warm bath (not too hot), and follow it with a cold sponge down, which is splendid for maintaining the circulation induced by the exercises.

Rhythmic Exercises

Each of the exercises is calculated to promote either good circulation (which gives a clear skin), respiration, which induces even chest development, and, thirdly, massage of the internal organs, which aids sound and healthy digestion. In addition the heart, lungs and joints are kept in good condition, and even development of the figure ensured. They are simple and easy to perform, and in each there is a certain rhythm which gives infinite satisfaction. Do them every morning, make them a habit, and the greatest persuasive force in the world.

(1) Take a firm stance, with the feet well apart and the right hand on the hip. Swing the free arm backwards in a circular motion over

the shoulder, repeating this twelve times, as though this stiff arm were the sail of a windmill. This exercise promotes circulation and develops the upper arm and shoulder. Repeat this exercise twelve times with each arm.

(2) With the hands on the hips, raise yourself on the toes and bend the knees outwards twelve times, keeping the back straight and the head erect. This keeps the leg muscles and joints supple and promotes circulation. Do the exercise as quickly as you can.

Strengthening the Muscles
(3) With the hands on the hips and the feet wide apart, bend the body about halfway forward. From this position bend it sideways, backwards, and sideways again to complete a circle to the first position. Repeat this rotary movement of the trunk six times in each direction. It is a strong developer of the abdominal muscles and the small of the back. It is a powerful aid to circulation.

(4) Lie on the chest with the hands close to the sides and the forehead touching the ground. Raise the head and shoulders as far as possible, making an arch of the back. Repeat this half a dozen times to beautify and strengthen the whole back.

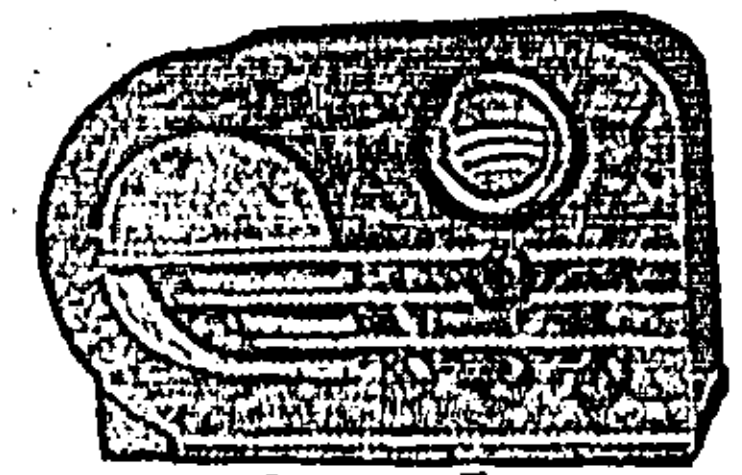
(5) Lie on the back with the hands behind the head. Raise the knees to the chest as far as possible, then straighten them and lower them very slowly. This exercise is of great benefit to the digestive organs and the internal "works" particularly.

(6) With the feet aside and the hands to the side, slowly raise the arms above the head, breathing in deeply and keeping the arms straight. Bend the body forward, breathing out at the same time and reaching under the legs with the hands. From this position raise the body once more, the hands coming first, at the same time breathing deeply in, until the arms are above the head once more. Lower the arms to the side and breathe out. Repeat this exercise six times. This ensures flexibility of the spine and full development of the chest and lungs and back.

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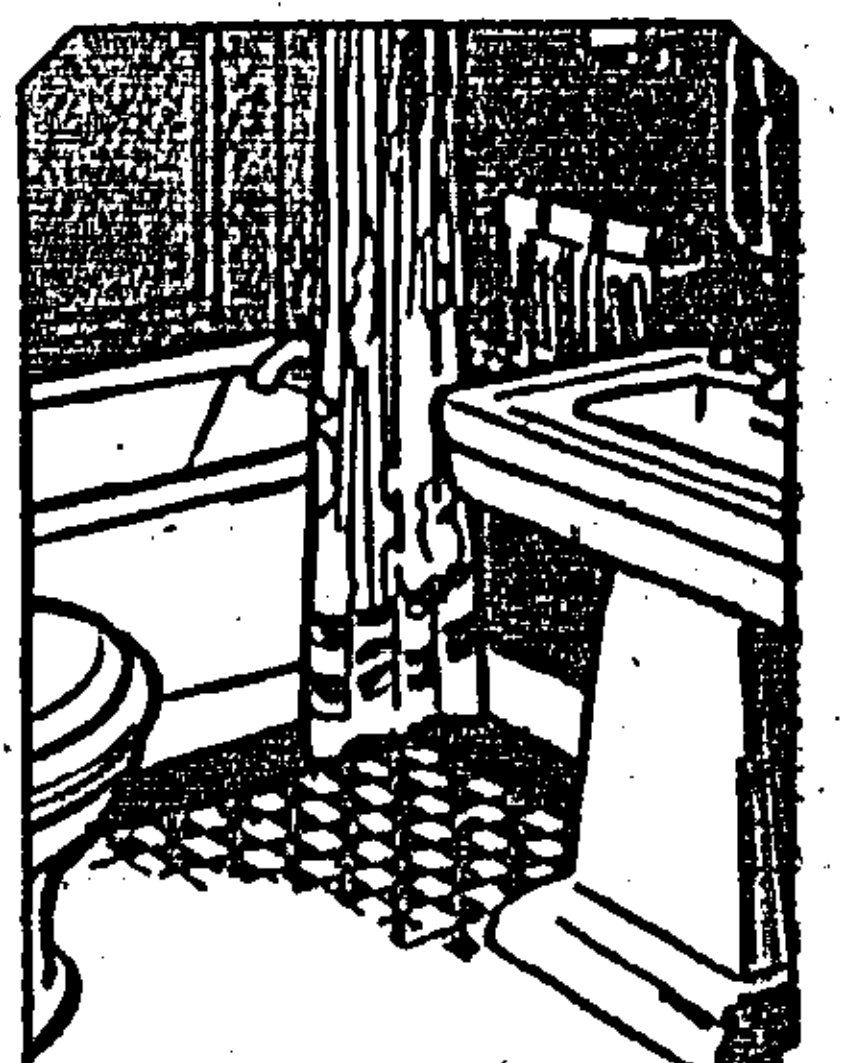
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Japanese Raider Reported Shot Down

FOREIGNERS SEE RUNNING FIGHT ABOVE HANKOW

5,000 Students Narrowly Escape Death From Bombs

Hankow, Feb. 9.

Chinese sources state that one Japanese plane was shot down during yesterday's raid on Hankow. The machine allegedly crashed in a ditch at Hsiahsinchi, 35 kilometres north of Hankow.

Damage as a result of the bombing was negligible, although one Chinese soldier was killed at Hanyang.

Foreigners who watched the raid from the oil companies' installations, tell of an exciting dog-fight which lasted ten minutes. It appears one of the raiders became detached from the formation, whereupon Chinese pursuit planes made a bee-line for it. The Japanese zoomed upward, but the pursuit followed.

In the end the raider appeared to come down a few miles away. But he was lost to view. The report immediately circulated that a Japanese plane had crashed, but no definite confirmation was available.

The oil installations are situated about six miles down-river from Hankow, which is just about where the Chinese machines would wait for the raiders to cut them off.

5,000 Students Endangered

Over 5,000 Chinese students had a narrow escape when the bombers came over. They had gathered in Chungshan Park, situated next to the airfield, to celebrate "Youth Day," in connection with the world peace movement and were just about to commence the ceremonies when the first Japanese planes appeared. Fortunately no bombs were dropped on the park and after the raiders had left the students paraded the streets of the city.

Apparently a large part of central China was bombed during the afternoon. A foreign report from Ichang states that eleven bombers dropped 60 bombs on the airfield there, though damage is unknown.

Chinese reports state that Shasi, a Yangtze port 75 miles south-east from Ichang, had its first taste of Japanese aerial attacks.

It is believed other cities were also visited, as it was learned that 35 bombers set out shortly before noon from a Japanese aerodrome in the Nanking area.—*Reuter*.

Hankow Raided

Hankow, Feb. 9.
Eleven Japanese planes raided Hankow yesterday at 3 p.m.

They bombed Hanyang and Chinkow, a suburb, scattering their missiles along the railway and lines of communication instead of concentrating them upon the airfield as previously.

The raiders evidently avoided the vigilant look-outs, for they appeared only two minutes after the urgent alarm had sounded.

Anti-aircraft batteries engaged them heavily, and shell-bursts were

CLOUSTON CRASHES AT CYPRUS

Attempt On Record
Ends Dismally

Nicosia, Cyprus, Feb. 9.
Flying Officer A. C. Clouston, who, with a newspaper correspondent was attempting to fly from England to New Zealand and back in 12 days, crashed when landing here this morning, owing to a burst tyre.

The airman proposed returning to England by boat on February 12.—*Reuter*.

Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Betty Green last year succeeded in establishing a new record on an England to South Africa and return flight.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning:

Banks
H.K. Banks, \$1,475 b. cum. div.
H.K. Banks, (Lon. Reg.), £200 n. ex. div.
Chartered Banks, £12½ n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B., £20 n.
Mercantile Bank, C., £14 n.
East Asia Bank, \$92 b.

Insurance
Canton Ins., \$260 n.
Union Ins., \$500 b.
China Underwriters, \$140 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$240 n.

Shipping
Douglas, \$57½ b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$9½ n.
Indo-China (Prof.), \$31 n.
Indo-China (Def.), \$43 n.
Shell Bearer, \$110½ n.
Union Waterboats, \$9.30 n.

Docks etc.
H.K. & Wharves, \$117½ b.
H.K. W. Docks, \$28½ b.
Providents (old), \$2.55 b.

New Engineering
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$5 n.
Kailan Mining Adm., 14/- n.
Rauks, \$7¼ n.

Venz: Goldfield, \$4 n.
Hongkong Mines 10 cts. n.
Philippine Mining
Antamoks, P. 60 sa.

Atoks, P. 29 sa.
Bangua Gold, P. 24 sa.
Bangua Consol., P. 9.80 sa.

Bangua Explor., —
Big Wedge, P. —
Coco Grove, P. 64 sa.

Consolidated Mines, P. 0.11 sa.
E. Mindanao, P. —
Gumaua G'fields, P. —

Ipa Gold, P. —
I.X.L., P. .08 sa.
Itogons, P. —

Masbate Consols., P. —
Min. Resources, P. —
Northern Min., P. —

Paracale Gumaua, P. —
Salacot Mining, P. —
San Mauricio, P. 74 sa.

Suyoc Consol., P. 20½ sa.
United Paracales, P. .53 sa.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$5.90 b.
H.K. Lands, \$32¼ n.
H.K. Lands, 4% Deben, \$100 n.

Shai Lands, Sh. \$0½ sa.
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —
Humphries, \$8¾ n.

H.K. Realities, \$4.75 b.
Chinese Estates, \$80 n.
China Realities, Sh. —

China Deben
H.K. Tramways, \$14.90 b.
Peak Trams (old), \$8½ b.

Peak Trams (new), \$3¾ s.
Star Ferries \$87 s.
Yamatani Ferries (old), \$24 n.

China Light (old), \$10.80 b.
China Light (new), \$7.45 n.
H.K. Electric, \$50 b.

Macao Electric, \$19¼ b.

Joint Defence Measures By Japan And Germany

Tokyo, Feb. 9.
Japan and Germany are exchanging information regarding joint defence measures in line with the anti-Comintern Pact, the Home Office has revealed.

A spokesman announced that the Japanese Government is contemplating the organisation of a special staff of officials to be stationed in Tokyo, Berlin and Rome, to enforce the tripartite Anti-Comintern Pact.—*Reuter*.

U.S. CRUISER TO VISIT HONGKONG

The U.S.S. light cruiser Marblehead, rarely seen in Hongkong, will be in harbour from February 11 to 16 on a visit from the north. One of the Omaha class ships, the Marblehead was built in 1923 and cost over \$8,000,000. She has a standard displacement of 7,050 tons and is 550 feet in length. Alterations to her battery had to be made after she was completed, in order to improve her seaworthiness. Her armament now includes 11 six-inch guns.

S. AFRICA BANS AIR SERVICES

Capetown, Feb. 9.
The Finance Minister of the Union of South Africa, Mr. Pirow, stated today that no Italian, Dutch or German air service would be allowed to operate in any part of the Union, as air service over the country must be absolutely reciprocal, and the countries mentioned cannot do so.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Sandakan Lights, \$14½ n.
Telephone (old), \$26.80 b.
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China Buses, Sh. —

Singapore Traction, 22/6 n.
Singapore Trust, 27/- n.
Industrials

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Cement, \$13.65 b.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.50 n.
Stores, &c.

Dairy Farm, 25½ b.
Watsons, \$40 n.
Lane Crawford, \$7 n.

Sincere, \$1.75 n.
Wing On (H.K.), \$30 n.
Wm. Powells, 75 cts. s.

Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$10¼ n.
Shai Cotton (old), Sh. \$57 n.

Zongzi Shing, Sh. —
Wing On Textiles, Sh. —
Miscellaneous

H.K. Entertainments, \$6.25 n.
Constructions, \$1½ b.
Vibro Piling, \$6 n.

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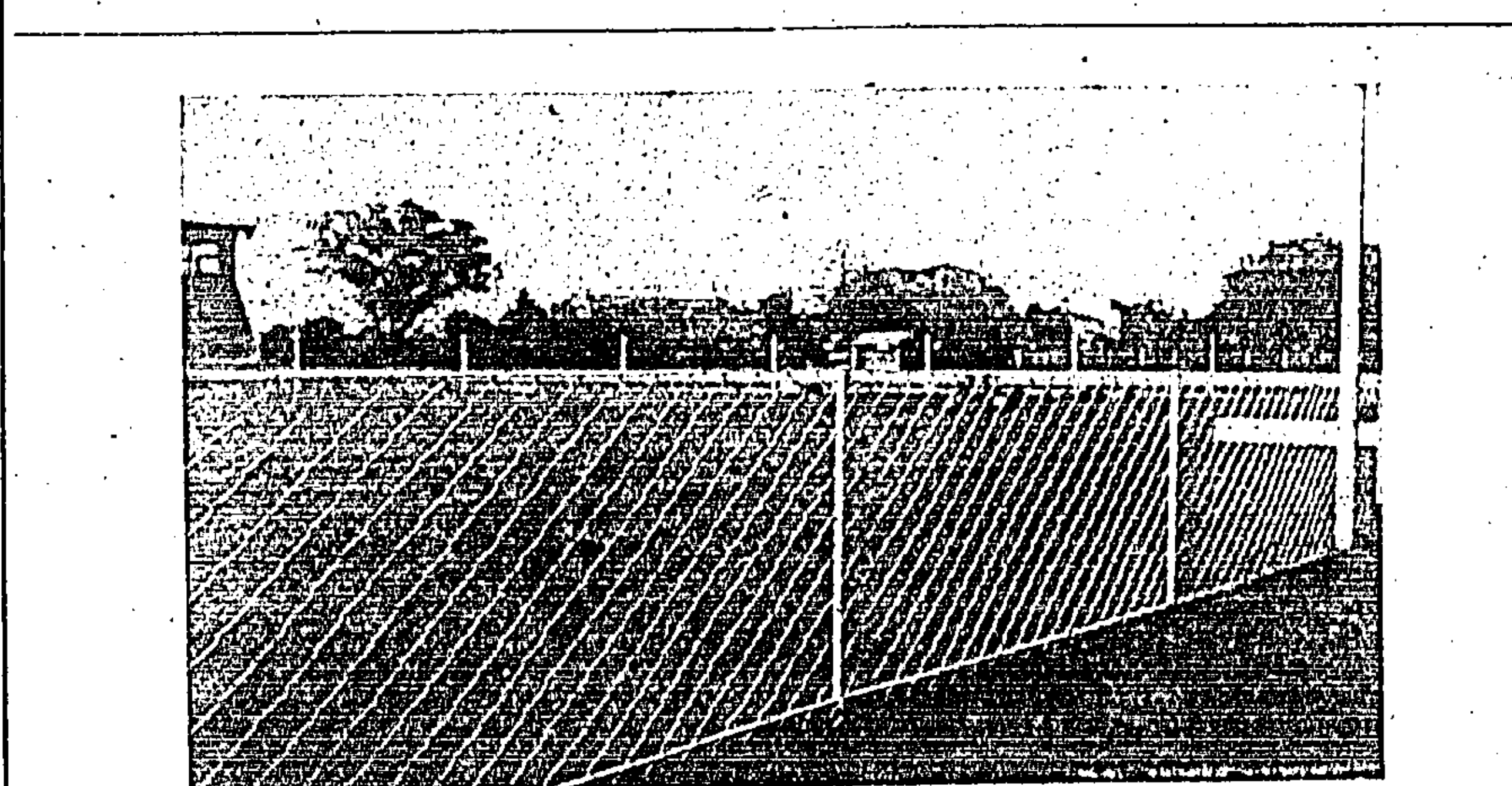
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FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Feb. 8. S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:
Lack of definite news on the Street is attributed to the rise of various rumours, one of which, although entirely unfounded, is the effect the President Roosevelt will promise another business breathing spell in his forthcoming radio broadcast. The Street has been heartened by the progress of U.S. Steel negotiations, the early settlement of which, it is hoped, would stabilize steel prices and release orders. Additional items of news today were a curtailment in crude oil production, the weakness of base metals and an increase in unemployment in Great Britain.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:
Stocks: The market abruptly reversed its trend today, without any specific news, although there have been rumours of bullish Washington developments. We would not buy on the current strength. Business failures for the week totalled 256. Bank deposits for the week amounted to \$14,464,000,000.

Cotton: The adoption by the House of Representatives of a rule limiting the debate on the Farm Bill to 4 hours in context as favourable to the passage of the Bill, which then goes to the Senate. Prices of cotton advanced sharply on the news.

Wheat: The continued drought in the South-West is considered by some authorities not to be a major price factor for the present, as the growth of the crop begins at the end of February. The market today responded to the favourable action of stocks, moderate exports, and covering by shorts.

Corn: The market today is featureless.

Rubber: There is some belief that the foreign political situation will tend towards accumulation of stocks here, due to the possibility of insurance and shipping complications until the outlook is more clarified. Factory auto sales for January were 36% under those for December.

Sugar: The market today was active, but prices were easier on the lower London market and on substantial liquidation of March position.

Dow Jones Averages Feb. 7 Close
30 Industrials 121.39 125.52
20 Rails 27.10 27.88
20 Utilities 18.58 18.98
40 Bonds 89.92 90.24
11 Commodity Index 52.95 53.49

CONSIDERING THE VAN ZEELAND REPORT

London, Feb. 8. The Prime Minister stated in the House of Commons that Mr. Van Zeeland's report was now under careful examination by the departments interested.—British Wireless.



How do we help a child?
Here we quote, from our constitution, one of our aims and objects—

"To take such steps by personal, written or printed statement, public meetings, or otherwise as may be deemed expedient for the purpose of educating the public generally in the interests of the welfare of the young."

Hence this column.
HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN
Room 308, Bank of East Asia Building.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R. NOTICE.

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Buildings Ordinance No. 18 of 1935. Notice is hereby given that the road known as Tai Wan Road is closed temporarily to all traffic between a point near the south west corner of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 93 and a point midway along the western boundary of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 100.

R. M. HENDERSON,
Director of Public Works,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 9th February, 1938.

Air Raid Precautions

The demonstration Gas-proof and Splinter-proof Room in the Medical Officers' House, old Government Civil Hospital will be open to inspection by the public between 5.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. daily from to-day until Friday, 11th February, 1938, inclusive. Representatives of the Royal Engineers will be in attendance.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

The new Preparatory School will have all classes in Chinese except one lesson each day in English. Ages, 8—12 years. Fees \$100 inclusive, per term of 13 weeks, for boarders. Registration, 11 a.m., February 16. Opening 9 a.m., February 17.

The Middle School will re-open and entrance examination for new students be held at 8.45 a.m. on February 21. (No. 6 bus).

For prospectuses apply to Mr. Fung Man Sui or Mr. Chan Pak Luk, Messrs. H. Wicking, Prince's Building. Tel. 30241 or to
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Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNEL,

Hongkong, 26th January, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. Room 308, Bank of East Asia Building, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor, or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai, or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

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Selling	
T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Singapore	104 1/2
T.T. Japan	100 1/2
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	31
T.T. Manila	62 1/2
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	93 1/2
T.T. France	940
T.T. Germany	70 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	133 1/2
T.T. Australia	170 1/2

Buying

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	31 1/2
4 m/s France	101 1/2
30 d/s India	83 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	60 1/2

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GIVING HELP TO CHINA

To The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I shall be glad if you will be kind enough to publish the following lines.
As far as I can see, very few of my fellow-countrymen in this colony show any interest in giving aid to the invaded Chinese who are fighting against Japanese barbarism, Fascism and Imperialism, which are becoming a menace to the civilisation of the world.

Our people at home are, by far, more energetic than we, as far as aid is concerned. Why are we so dully-silent and cold towards aids to China? It is high time for us to do something, otherwise we will be sufferers too if China is conquered.

I have started to buy the Chinese Liberty Bonds—30 dollars worth out of my 200 dollars salary. And I am going to buy them until the undeclared war is over.
I will know to those of my countrymen who will do as I have done. If we cut down our drinks we can play our part with ease. At the same time the part we play will encourage the rich Chinese in this Colony to give more.

A PRO-CHINESE BRITON.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market was fairly active, with prices in some instances showing an appreciable advance, closing steady with an upward tendency. The turnover generally was somewhat large, mainly in Providents.

Manila continues to keep steady.

Buyers

Hongkong Bank \$1,470 cum. div.
Bank of East Asia \$32
Union Insurance \$408
China Underwriters \$1.48
Douglases \$37 1/2
I.L.K. & W. Docks \$23 1/2
Providents (Old) \$27.70
Providents (New) \$25.65
I.L.K. & S. Hotels \$24.50
I.L.K. Realities \$4 1/2
I.L.K. Tramways \$14.50
I.L.K. & S. Hotels \$10.00
China Lights (Old) \$10.00
I.L.K. Electric \$35.50
Telephones (Old) \$25.80
Cement \$12 1/2
Dairy Farms \$25.10
Henderson \$24.40
Constructions \$1 1/2
Mansions (I.L.K.) \$1.40
Union Insurance \$302
I.L.K. & W. Docks \$118 1/2
Providents (Old) \$27 1/2
I.L.K. Tramways \$15.10
Peak Trains (New) \$3 1/2
Dairy Farms \$25.10
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$0.75
I.L.K. & W. Docks \$24 1/2
Providents (Old) \$27 1/2
Providents (New) \$25.65
Antares \$1
Atoka \$20
Bazilio Gold \$20
Coco Grove \$2
Consolidated Mines \$11
Demonstrations \$3
I. X. L. \$8
Paracomb \$28
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Suyco Consol \$2
United Paracomb \$2
I.L.K. & S. Hotels \$10.00
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Bad Character In Custody

Recommended For Banishment

A man with a very bad criminal record appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with being found in the back of No. 91 Wongachong Road, Happy Valley, for an unlawful purpose at 9.30 a.m. yesterday.

Inspector A. V. Baker said that the man, Teo Chu, 22, unemployed, was caught climbing up the back wall of the yard. There had been many thefts in that locality recently. Teo who had five previous convictions, including loitering, larceny, and robbery with violence, when he served two years' hard labour, was sentenced to four months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

CHINESE CAPTURE WUHU, HANKOW REPORT ASSERTS

(Continued from Page 1.)

is still Hsichow, the strategic junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Lung-hai Railways. Besides a frontal attack on the railway they will continue their fighting movement west of the railway. Their activities west of Hsichow indicate their intention to outflank the Chinese troops—Central News.

REINFORCEMENTS MOVING

Hsinhsiang, Feb. 9. Large numbers of Japanese troops are reported to have been sent from Tientsin and Lungwangmiao, in south Hsichow, to Lintung on the Grand Canal in west Shantung presumably to reinforce their men on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front.

Five hundred Korean and Manchukuo irregulars, and 3,000 Japanese troops equipped with over 50 tanks have arrived at Changchun as reinforcements. The Japanese numerical strength there is now estimated at 10,000 men.

The Japanese at Changchun shelled and machine-gunned the Chinese positions intermittently yesterday but made no attempt to rush the Chinese line.—Central News.

CHINESE LAUNCH SURPRISE ATTACK RECAPTURE TOWN

Shanghai, Feb. 9. Chinese reports state that Chinese troops delivered a surprise attack and recaptured Kaohching, on the Pengpu front, yesterday.

At the same time Chinese planes heavily bombed Pengpu and Hwai-yuan. It was the Foreign Squadron which attacked Hwai-yuan.—United Press.

CHINA APPEALS FOR OLYMPIC BOYCOTT

Shanghai, Feb. 9. The Chinese National Athletic Federation has announced that it is requesting all Powers to boycott the Tokyo Olympics, which are scheduled for 1940.

It is pointed out that Japan has declared that she intends to drive the white races from Asia—the very venue for the next World Olympics.—United Press.

OFFICERS ABOARD H.M.S. BIRMINGHAM COMING TO COLONY

Officers aboard H.M.S. Birmingham due shortly on the China Station are: Capt. E. J. P. Brind, Commander D. M. Lees, Lieut.-Comdr. J. P. de W. Kiteat (Gunnery Officer), Lieut.-Comdr. J. W. T. Halliday, Lieut.-Comdr. H. Norman (Torpedo Officer), Lieut.-Comdr. J. H. Dathan, Comdr. E. S. Brown, Surg.-Comdr. A. de B. Joyce, Paymaster-Comdr. E. N. R. Fletcher, M.B.E.

MAY BE FIT TO BE CANED

Leung Kwan, 20, unemployed, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the theft of an earring from Li Yee, an amah, at Stewart Road yesterday, and with returning from a term of 10 years banishment, imposed on September 22, 1937. He was remanded for 48 hours to ascertain his fitness for a caning.

ADMIRALTY LORD IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Feb. 9. Lt.-Col. J. J. Llewellyn, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, who is representing the British Government at the ceremonies in connection with the opening of the new dock, arrived here to-day by air from Australia.

FRANCE ANXIOUS ABOUT BATTLESHIPS

Paris, Feb. 8. The French note to Japan on naval construction which was published to-day, is similar, but not identical to the British and American notes, the chief difference being that it contains no fixed date for which a reply is requested.—Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN TO SEE PARIS

Accept Invitation For Mid-Summer

London, Feb. 9. It is officially announced that their Majesties the King and Queen have accepted with much pleasure the invitation of the French President, M. Lebrun, to pay a state visit from June 28 to July 1. His Majesty, during his stay, will unveil the Australian National War Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux. The visit of the British King and Queen is hailed with acclamation throughout France, says a Paris message. It is emphasised in authoritative quarters that great importance is attached to the visit by official France to this latest proof of cordial Franco-British relations. No effort will be spared to make the visit as brilliant as possible.—Reuter.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Feb. 7. The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter:

	Opening	Closing
New York Cotton		
March	8.44/45	8.64/64
May	8.54/55	8.75/75
July	8.62/62	8.82/82
Oct.	8.84/73	8.92/92
Dec.	8.77/77	8.97/97
Jan.	8.81/81	9.01/01
Spot		8.74

The First Notice Day for March Cotton is Feb. 23 with Delivery date March 1.

	Opening	Closing
New York Rubber		
March	14.23/25	14.40/40
May	14.00/45	14.56/56
July	14.57/58	14.65/68
Sept.	14.71/70	14.80/80
Dec.		14.90/90
Jan.		15.00/00

Sales for the day—840 tons.

	Opening	Closing
Chicago Wheat		
May	94 1/2/94 3/4	95 3/4/95 3/4
July	90 1/2/90 3/4	91 3/4/91 3/4</

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British Mediation In Far
East Unlikely, Says
Baron Tomii

London, Feb. 8.

Official quarters in London are not inclined to attach importance to the rumours of British mediation in the Far East, which is regarded as unlikely.

"Can you justify the bombing of Shanghai and other towns?" was the question put to Baron Tomii, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy in London when he addressed the "1912 Club" in London to-day.

Baron Tomii replied that the bombing incidents in China were much exaggerated. Two hundred casualties in one town were magnified to 3,000. In 1923 Japan proposed to abolish airbombing, but the proposal was defeated, due to Britain and France. The Japanese army had sacrificed strategic advantages to warn towns before bombing, of what would be their military objectives in those towns. The objectives had always been military points, and they had done their best to avoid bombing civilian populations.—Reuter.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong radio station.—Chitral, Empress of Japan, President McKinley, President Taft, Claus Pickners, Yashing, Mino Maru, Pansang, Serouskerik, Terukuni Maru, Silksworth.

NEWLY-WEDS TO COME TO COLONY

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Dorothy M. Connell, daughter of Mrs. M. J. Connell of Seattle and San Francisco, to Mr. John Francis McKiernan, Jr. son of Mr. J. F. McKiernan of New York City, which took place on December 1 in Cathedral Chapel, Santa Monica, California.

The bride, who is the daughter of the late founder of Connell Bros. Co., Ltd., was educated at Forest Ridge Convent and the University of Washington. The groom was educated at St. John's Preparatory School, Fordham College and New York University. The couple are touring the United States, and after a visit to Japan will make their home in Hongkong where Mr. McKiernan will be manager of the General Milk Company.

1,400 FOREIGNERS IN THREE YANGTSE CITIES

Hankow, Feb. 9.
A careful and conservative estimate from authoritative sources shows that between 1,300 and 1,400 foreign residents are now in the Wuhan cities of Hankow, Hunyang and Wuchang. The figures are exclusive of the personnel of foreign gunboats in port.—Reuter.

Japanese Win Flour Monopoly

Big Commercial
Coup Effected
In Shantung

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

A new flour manufacturing concern, known as the Shantung Flour Manufacturing Company, with a capital of ¥1,500,000, is soon to be established in Shantung.

Sixty per cent. of the capital is being subscribed by the Nitto Seifun Kaisha of Tokyo, and the remainder by the Chen Kee Flour Company of Tsinan.

The enterprises of the latter company are being taken over by the new concern.

The Chen Kee, which is under Chinese management, is now producing 2,000 barrels of flour daily, while the Nitto Seifun Kaisha is at present operating seven Chinese companies in Shantung, Taiyuan and Changchun, as trustee in co-operation with the Japanese authorities on the spot. These companies are producing 1,000 barrels of flour per day.—Reuter.

Building Big New Clippers

Pan-American Line's
Plans Disclosed

Bigger and faster Clippers for trans-Pacific routes will probably be used within the next year or so, according to Mr. E. O. McDonnell, member of the Executive Committee of Pan-American Airways, who arrived here on the Hawaiian Clipper yesterday afternoon.

Mr. McDonnell said that a fleet of six Boeing flying boats was at present under construction in Seattle and that the first would be ready for test flights by the end of March. Some of these ships will be placed on the trans-Pacific service while others will be assigned to the trans-Atlantic run. They are capable of carrying 40 passengers on long hops and have a day-time accommodation for 72 persons.

Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Carl Beal, of Los Angeles, are going to Indo-China on a big game hunt and will leave for Haiphong by the steamer Canton to-morrow.

Asking For Trouble!

The first surreptitious smoke is apt to lead to trouble with dire results for the young offender, possibly parental chastisement, and probably an upset stomach. The former should have a salutary effect, the latter consequence of childish mischief can quickly be put right by a dose of Baby's Own Tablets, the laxative medicine especially devised by a British physician for the correction of little children's stomach and bowel complaints.



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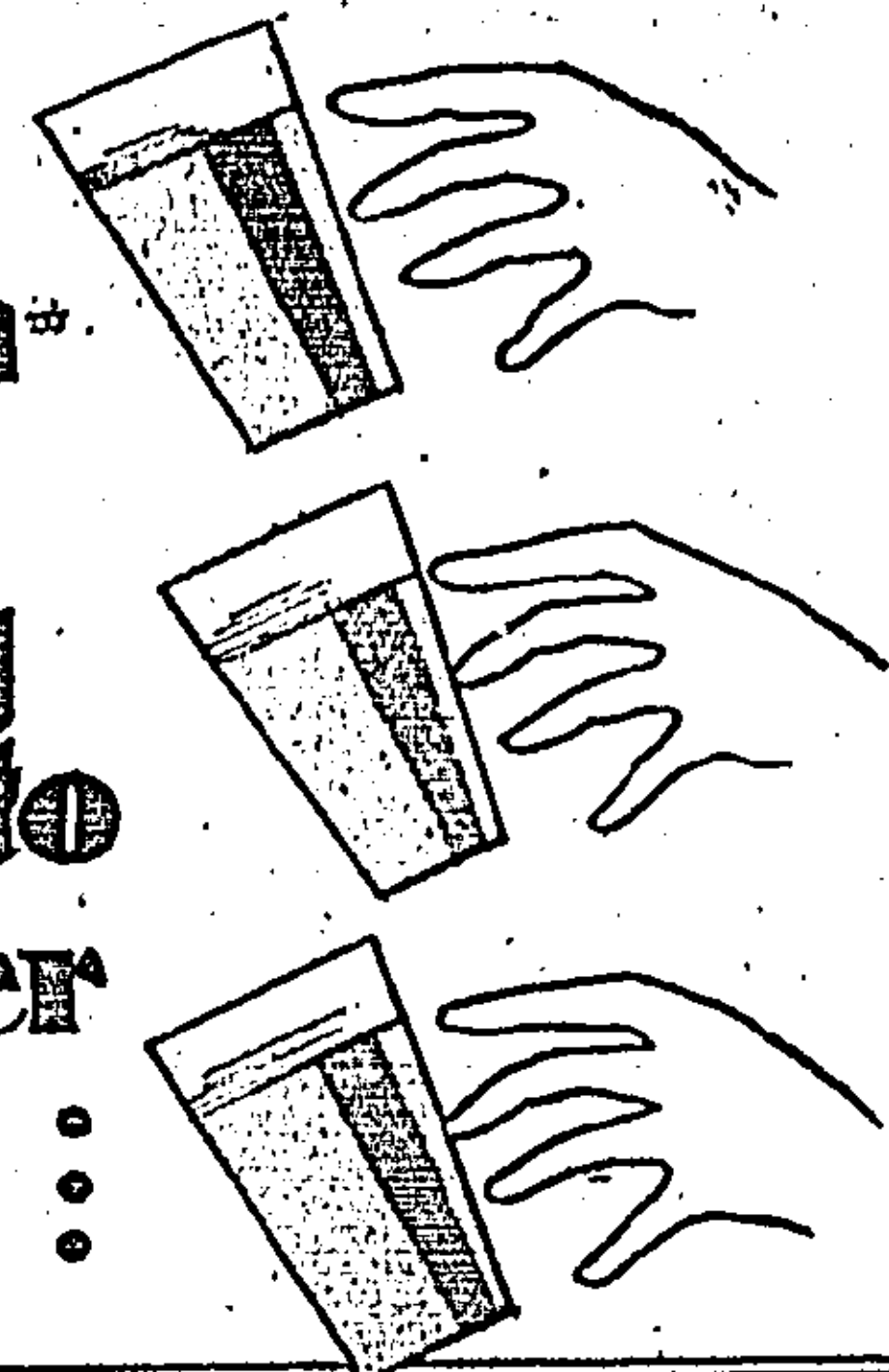
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CONDOLENCES FROM KING AND QUEEN

London, Feb. 8.
The King and Queen have sent a message of condolence to Princess Nicholas and members of her family following the death of Prince Nicholas, father of Princess Marina, now Duchess of Kent.—British Wire- less.

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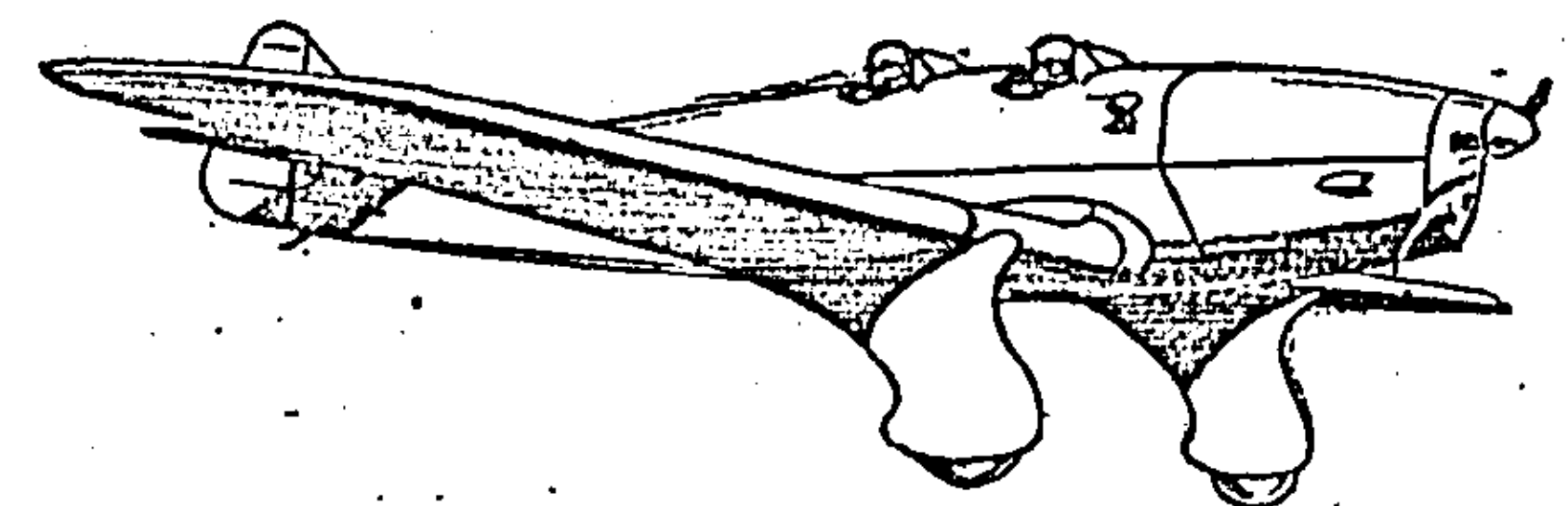
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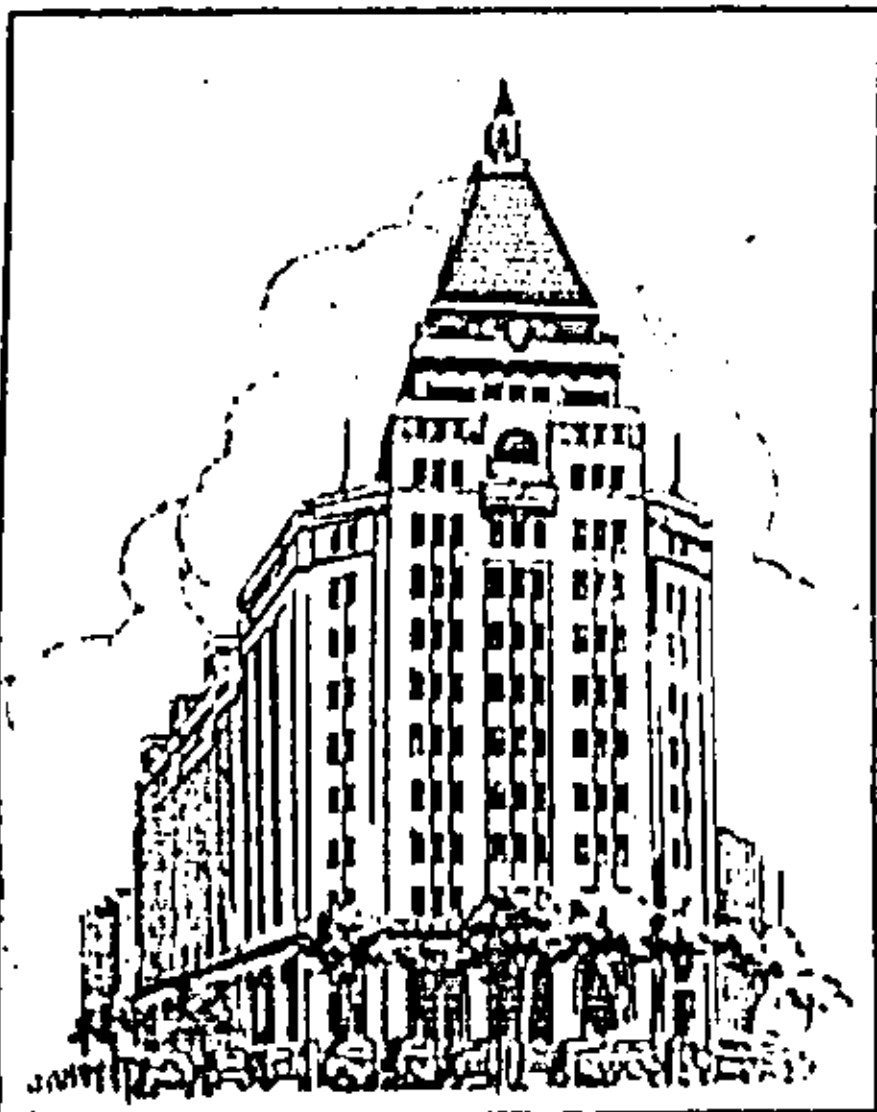
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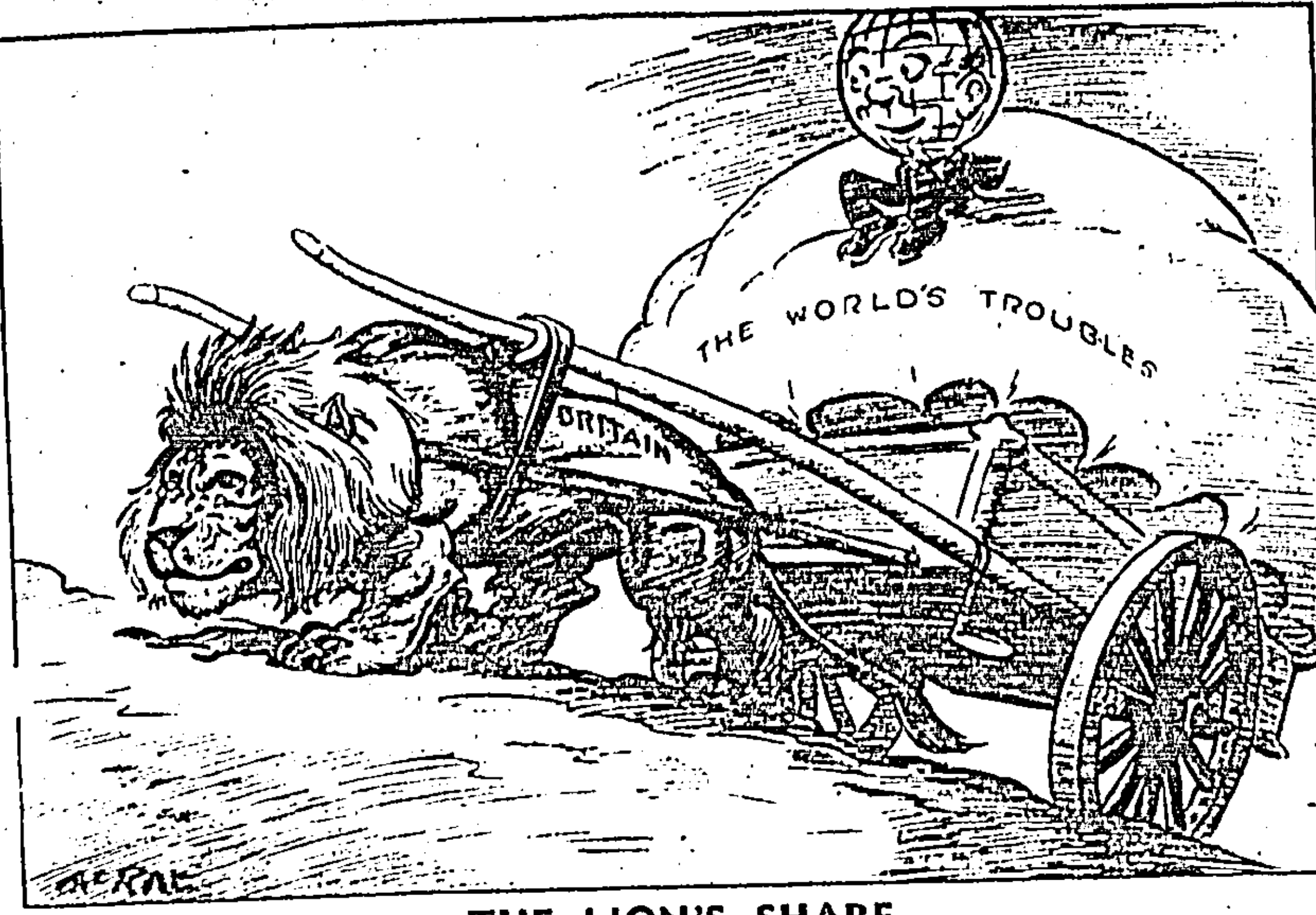
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Why Mussolini won't go to war

MUSSOLINI tells the world once more "Italy
and her people want peace. I want peace."
We must accept these assurances. They
are based upon realities. Mussolini is in no position
to make war.

I estimate that standing military Italian strength is rather
more than 1,000,000 men. Mussolini claims that he can call al-
together 8,000,000 bayonets into the field. This figure seems
high for Italy's total population of 43,000,000.

Now Mussolini's armies are divided into four parts. He has
100,000 men in garrison in Abyssinia. Another 60,000 are sta-
tioned in Libya. His Spanish expeditionary force is reckoned
to be between 60,000 and 80,000 men.

All of them require replacements, and are served by supply
and service corps. The rest of his troops are retained in Italy.

IF Mussolini intended to destroy the Italians have an ap-
parently war he would not be proximate equality of strength
scattering his forces over a vast area. The French, but the Bri-
tish have at sea and on the stocks 200.

The French have superiority in submarines of something like 100 to
70. The British submarine strength is below that of the Italians.

Should Italy and any ally of hers
go to war with Britain and her ally
—and this ally in present conditions
—most certainly be the French
—then the harbours and coastlines
of that country would be opened up
for the use of the British Navy.

Marseilles and Toulon, in France,
Tunis, Bizerta and Algiers, on the
African littoral, would be the links
in a chain of harbour-fortresses that
included Gibraltar, Malta, Suez, and
Cyprus.

Against this overwhelming strength
of hostile sea bases, the more ports
that Mussolini added to his own com-
mand, such as Majorca or Spanish
Málaga and Melilla, the more hos-
tages he would give to his enemy, for
he would have more points to defend
with his slender resources.

AND very slender are Musso-
lini's resources. Italy is a
poor country, which the Fascist re-
gime has called forth has not over-
come her poverty.

The soil of this beautiful land,
except in the north is miserably in crop
yield and mineral wealth. Italy im-
ports 80 per cent. of her cotton, cop-
per and oil, 95 per cent. of her coal,
80 per cent. of her wool.

Her colonies, Libya, Eritrea,
Somaliland (total population 2,300,000)
bring her little profit.

They bulk large on the map. But
as Mussolini himself said bitterly on
the eve of his Abyssinian conquest,
they are mostly scrub and desert.

The Italian standard of life is al-
ready the lowest in Europe. It is
lower than that of Poland or even of
Spain. The Italian workers' general
wage rate, is to-day 10 per cent. less
than before the March on Rome.

It was on June 22, 1929, that
Mussolini himself said in the Italian
Senate, "There are places in Sardinia
and South Italy where for months
the inhabitants have had to live on
wild plants." That was before the
world slump, which hit Italy as
heavily as any other country.

IN 1933 the official Fascist
figures set Italian unemploy-
ment at 1,000,000. The Fascist Party
Relief, however, claimed to be giving
soup, bread, shelter, to 2,326,924
"needy persons."

By
**FRANK
OWEN**

At that time Britain's unemployed
numbered 2,000,000 out of an indus-
trial population of 12,000,000. The
Italian unemployed were drawn from
an industrial population of 3,500,000.
The dole rate varies from 9s. to 10s.
per week for agricultural and indus-
trial unemployed.

Mussolini has made vigorous efforts
to provide work on public schemes.
In twelve years £500,000,000 has
been expended. I cannot say that
the work has been very productive.

The cost has worried successive
Finance Ministers. In five years the
Italian State Budget has piled up a
total deficit of £270,000,000. Yet
many items which should stand in
the national account have been trans-
ferred to the ledgers of the munici-
palities. The internal debt of Italy
now stands at £1,000,000,000.

The gold chest that Mussolini
built up laboriously for ten years is
getting low. It contained £80,000,000
in August 1935, before the
Abyssinian war. Before Christmas
the monthly account of its condition
was no longer published.

The statutory limit of advances by
the Bank of Italy to the Italian Gov-
ernment has been raised by decree
from 450,000,000 lire to 1,000,000,000
lire. The gold cover for Treasury
issues has been abolished.

I SEE now that Mussolini is
said to be seeking a loan
from Great Britain to develop
Abyssinia. That annexation cost
£150,000,000.

The total trade of the country is
at present worth £2,000,000 per
annum. The Duce is raising by cap-
ital levy of 10 per cent. about £70-
000,000 to pay for this.

The wealth per head of the Italian
people is just one third of that of
Great Britain. Yet the adverse trade
balance of this hard-working but
still impoverished country is over
£50,000,000.

Indeed, it is only the simple, sober
habits of the Italian people them-
selves which keep the country going.
Their devotion to the family life,
their kindly help of friends and
neighbours in distress, their gay
bravery in a life of hardship, their
honest determination to repay debt;
these are the great moral factors that
sustain Mussolini's Italy.

This is not the picture of a country
able to fight a great war against great
power with any hope of victory.
Mussolini desires peace because he
desperately requires peace.

But though he does not want war,
Mussolini is ready to play to the
limit the game of threatening it. He
constantly brings forward the bogey
of the Rome-Berlin Axis.

He presents to the world the ter-
rific aspect of an Italo-German
combination, emphasising his soli-
darity with Hitler, even by making
demands for colonies on Hitler's be-
half.

THE truth is that the Rome-
Berlin Axis is already bad-
ly creaking. It did not support the
pressure of the Franco-British naval
pact to sweep the Mediterranean
clear of pirates. The reality of
European politics is that Hitler will
not go to war to make a Roman hol-
iday.

The Germans have neither military
nor naval strength in the Mediter-

THE "VERY IDEA"

THE WAR AS SHE IS WROTE

DISTINGUISHED WAR
CORRESPONDENT AT
THE BOTTLE LINE

By Edward "Scoop" Kelly

WE are now at the South
China front, surround-
ed by Japanese who are in
the throes of an invasion.
No one knows how far they
will throw it.

Major Domei and Admiral
Nichi Nichi are leading the land-
ing parties. They are opposed
by General Wah Kiu Yat-po and
General Sen Trahnus.

Riots have broken out in the de-
fending ranks and several Reuters
have been killed.

There was heavy firing at Ping
Pong this morning, and a boom has
been placed across the Sen Sen.
The boom is quite audible in Mah
Jongg.

Reports that Kwangtung has
been invaded are denied.
Three beautiful young Chinese
girls named Yu Hag, Ants Pans,
and Kow Face are leading a band
of amazon guerillas. The guerilla, it
will be recalled, is the ancestor of
man.

B. SHARP ENCOUNTER

A Japanese landing party hastily
evacuated Kwangtung when a Chi-
nese band approached from the east.
Anyone who has heard a Chinese
band will realise the significance
of this retreat.

Bombs were dropped on a party
of journalists travelling from Sum
Bull to Wat Muk. The bombs were
severely injured.

The Chinese front at Tum Hee
has a distinct bulge. General Gaw
Blime will be shot for deserting his
Corps. A court martial found him
rotten to the corpa.

General Malnichi is confident
that an invasion of Kwangtung has
taken place.

A large force of Japanese troops
are stationed at Fermanza, awaiting
a favourable moment to launch the
Kwangtung invasion.

OVER THE FENCE

A report from Gin Sling states
that two ton-cats were killed during
a noise battle.

An invasion of Kwangtung
commenced this morning.
Air raid sirens are shrieking at
Sam Pan. The sirens, who are be-
lieved to be beautiful spies in
Japanese pay, are presumably shriek-
ing for their first month's salary.

The Japanese who landed in
Kwangtung at 6 a.m., withdrew at
7.30 after a four-hour battle.

A Chinese cruiser has been
locked up at Stan Lee. She was
convicted of cruising along the Na
Than roadway.

London newspapers are publishing
stories of outrages on junks. They
are also publishing a lot of junk on
outrages.

There is no possibility of Kwang-
tung being invaded until 6.45 p.m.
on Friday.

Some uneasiness is being felt at
Gum Boll regarding reports of a
Kwangtung invasion.

STOP PRESS.—A major offensive
was well under way, last night.
Both sides are at grips.

FLASH.—Previous message should
read: "An offensive major was well
under way at the Gripps last night."

LATE NEWS.—An invasion of
Kwangtung is imminent.

runan, even if they wished to make
trouble.

True they might make a diversion
in Northern Europe, but the prob-
abilities are that the Italians would
be crushed in the south long before
the German attack engaged the com-
plete attention of the countries con-
cerned.

Remember this, too. A broken
Italy would leave a vacuum in the
Mediterranean.

That political space might well be
filled by Germany, bent upon
dominating south-eastern Europe.
Indeed, the Germans might hasten
this day by making their diversion
not in favour of Italy but against
her. If European conflict should seem
imminent.

The Germans would wish to as-
sume control and authority in rela-
tion to Austria, thus realising Hitler's
dream of a Teutonic racial bloc with
the country of his birth.

Then they would also be tempted
to claim back the Southern Tyrol
now under the Italian flag, but torn
from Germany after the war and
still containing a predominantly Ger-
man population.

And, lastly, Germany, intent on
pushing into the Mediterranean,
would require the restoration of
Fiume to Austria.

So that if Italy went to war she
might be bidding fair to play the role
in the twentieth century that fell to
Poland in the eighteenth century—
namely, to be the victim of partition
between the nations of Central
Europe.

Mussolini said to the Daily Express
recently, "I am not a drama-
tist. I am a realist." Of course, he
is both. He understands the great
drama of our times. He lives it.
Mussolini does not propose to
surrender as the principal in a tragedy.
He is a Man of Peace because he dare
not be a Man of War.

Personalities of Old Hongkong

CHIEF JUSTICE WHO FOUGHT THE
"THREE EVILS" OF OLD HONGKONG15 YEARS ON BENCH
MADE HIM
IRASCIBLE OLD MAN

By T. Paul Gregory

AN INTERESTING PERSONALITY WHO MADE OUR COLONY HIS HOME FROM THE SIXTIES TO THE EARLY EIGHTIES OF LAST CENTURY WAS SIR JOHN JACKSON SMALE, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

JUDGE SMALE WAS A MAN WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAW AND ORDER WERE UNDENIABLY GREAT, BUT ONE, TOO, WHO IS BETTER KNOWN TO POSTERITY ON ACCOUNT OF HIS ECCENTRICITIES.

HE WAS WHAT OUR GENERATION WOULD CALL A "CARD" AND HAD MACAULAY BEEN A RESIDENT OF HONGKONG FIFTY YEARS AGO, HE CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE DONE FOR JUDGE SMALE WHAT HE DID FOR DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON WHOSE IDIOSYNCRASIES WERE RECORDED IN A MANNER THAT WOULD HAVE DELIGHTED READERS OF OUR BLASE AND THRILL-SEEKING ERA.

Sir John Jackson Smale was born in England in the year 1805, and died at his residence in Sussex-place, Regent's Park, August 13, 1881. He was educated at Manchester College, York and, in 1828, entered as a student of the Inner Temple.

His legal studies procured for him the privilege of acting as a solicitor and he was admitted as a draughtsman below the Bar until the Easter term in 1842, when he was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, and commenced to practice in the Court of Chancery.

From 1846 to 1847 he was a reporter in the Courts of the Vice-Chancellors Knibbs, Bruce, Parker and Stuart—a trio of eminent English jurists of the early Victorian period.

In 1800, Judge Smale was appointed Attorney-General for Hongkong and in 1800 he was raised to the dignity of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court upon the death of his predecessor, Judge Adams. In 1874, he received the honour of Knighthood by patent from Queen Victoria.

Sir John J. Smale arrived in Hongkong on Monday, April 22, 1861, by the P. and O. steamer Columbian. He was accompanied by his clerk, Mr. George Trevelyan, and was slated to take the place of Mr. Adams, the retiring Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Until that worthy departed for home, Sir John served as Attorney-General.

On June 14, he was further appointed a member of the Legislative Council, his appointment being confirmed by notification on January 10 of the following year.

STICKLER FOR FORM

On Sir John's first appearance as Attorney-General he proved that he was going to be a stickler for the forms and customs observed in the Courts at home, which, if we are to believe contemporary accounts, were not as yet established here. He created a stir from the very first; for he appeared in Court arrayed in the customary horse-hair wig of an English jurist. "Wigs were now mentioned in the records for the first time," says a contemporary account, and even the Chief Justice (Judge Adams) was "in favour of their being worn and the Court being held with the ceremony and solemnity attendant upon an English tribunal."

During his long sojourn of over twenty-two years in the Colony, fifteen of which were spent on the Bench—Sir John Smale delivered decisions on thousands of cases, and was especially concerned with what he termed the "three evils" of Hongkong—opium, brothels, and slavery. Upon the first, it must be said that he did little except venting openly his indignation at the system then in vogue of permitting the drug to be imported and dealt in by private firms.

Upon the latter two, however, he did much real service, and his fulminations from the Bench did much to curb the rampant evil of supplying the brothels of the Colony with unwilling victims recruited by every means of subtle artifice from the hinterland of China.

GENESIS OF PO LEUNG KUK

His concern for these "elsters and daughters of men" was genuine and through his recommendations a number of the public-minded citizens of the Colony got together and established that institution intended for the work of rescue and re-habilita-

tion of these unfortunate victims—the Po Leung Kuk.

It is also to Judge Smale that we owe the genesis of the anti-slavery legislation intended to ameliorate the lot of the "p'el-nd, or so-called 'slave girls' in our Colony. The Judge was firmly opposed to slavery in any form, and the world may well render its gratitude to him for his ceaseless efforts in suppressing the infamous coolie trade which is such an unfortunate interlude in the relationship of the so-called "Christian" nations of the West with those of the East.

Least readers do not comprehend what is meant, let me hasten to explain that from the fifties to the early seventies of the last century, great fortunes were made by unscrupulous individuals in the supplying of Chinese labour for the guano pits of Peru, and the sugar plantations of Cuba.

This trade was carried on at Macao and, to a certain extent, here in Hongkong. Heartless crimps were sent into the Chinese villages of Kwangtung to inveigle the simple country-folk into the idea of going abroad with the specious lure that vast fortunes could be wrested from labour there within an incredibly short time.

With such bait thousands were lured to Macao and induced to sell themselves into servitude for varying periods in order to pay for their passage. The conditions of recruiting and the barbarous treatment and nameless indignities which these poor deluded victims endured became notorious.

The newspapers of this period were filled with lurid accounts of the kidnappings, seductions and wholesale massacres of disaffected

Greed Ages A Man,
Fear A WomanDOCTOR FLAYS GLUTTONS
IN GET-FAT FIFTIES

IF a man reaches 50 without learning to keep fit he must be a fool, declared Dr. Leonard Williams, 76 years old, and author of books on the art of living and obesity, at a luncheon in London.

"And he is usually the kind of fool who is bald-headed and pot-bellied," Dr. Williams added bluntly, "a blubious, gluttonous, smoke-sucking beast, who deserves all he gets and more, of gout, high blood pressure, eczema and arthritis. He even deserves a nagging wife!"

Dr. Williams was much less critical of the plump, middle-aged woman, who, he said, was usually more deserving of pity than of censure, though there were a good many women of the affluent classes who deserved all the abuse he had addressed to the men.

He referred to "the paint-beddened, 'cocktailing,' bridge-playing, midmorning female, smoking, shapeless flounder, who so often disfigures race meetings and the front row of the stalls."

Fear, always a bad counsellor, was middle-aged woman's worst enemy, and women frightened themselves quite unnecessarily and prematurely into looks and habits much older than their real years.

"Obesity in a middle-aged man, in 90 per cent. of the cases, is due to excessive intake and insufficient output in the way of exercise and otherwise," declared Dr. Williams. "In women, obesity at middle age



SIR JOHN SMALE

coolies who realised too late how they had been tricked by these fiends who profited from the sale of human flesh. At length, in 1874, the Western Powers finally moved to outlaw this shameful traffic. Great credit for its final abolition was due to the efforts of Sir John Smale, who, single-handed, had been fighting the invidious trade from the Bench for years—freeing any kidnapped coolies who had managed to escape from the ships in transit to the American continent.

His judgments on this subject were as momentous locally as that of the famous "Dred Scott" decision in the United States during the fifties, and resulted in the emancipation from bondage of scores of unwilling victims.

Judge Smale was always very highly regarded by the non-European community and on April, 1866, when he went home on twelve months' leave the Parsee community got up an address and testimonial to be sent to him, and, as a further expression of their regard, joined with the Moslem merchants in subscribing the sum of \$1,500 to be expended on a magnificent service of silver plate and a set of Canton Chinaware.

Sir John was delighted at the splendid presents (the duty on which alone amounted to £70), and he replied in an effusive letter of thanks. Those who may wonder at the reason for such lavish gifts, may be reminded that, at that time, Court officials in the Colony were quite officially permitted to carry on a private practice of law in addition to their official duties. Quite often the income from such extra-official

activities was greater than the stipend attached to the governmental post.

In Sir John Smale's case it must have been handsomely remunerative; for he was the legal adviser of the entire Parsee community, and we can glean an inkling of how highly he was regarded from the presentation of a costly service of plate which we have referred to above.

SENILITY SETS IN

During the last year of Sir John's stay in the Colony he became somewhat irascible and petulant. His eccentric conduct was not confined to his home life, but was openly manifested in Court and soon attained the acme of ludicrousness. The Supreme Court became crowded with spectators not interested of course in the trials of the day but in the actions of the Chief Justice.

Sir John became the buffoon of the moment and his sessions were filled with those who wanted to witness the spectacle of a Chief Justice "hauling some of his subordinates over the coals."

The local Press of that day seized upon the occasions with grateful alacrity and we have many accounts of Sir John's unreasonable outbursts of spleen and petulance upon those who displeased him. One of the most disgusting of these scenes was when the petitioner of the day apparently took a sudden dislike to the Registrar, Mr. Henry Frederick Gibbons, a young man who had just come out from England. Sir John went out of his way to openly humiliate this official in open Court, and Gibbons, being apparently a man of spirit, naturally resented being taken to task and "sassed back."

The local press said of Sir John on one occasion: "In the Criminal Court he (Sir John) has shown himself a lecturer of the first water. It is to be hoped that for yesterday's performance he will call himself to task and rate himself as he so well knows how to rate others."

EXHIBITIONS OF ILL-TEMPER

"If these exhibitions of ill-temper been in private," states Norton-Kynsie in his "History of the Laws and Courts of Hongkong," "they might well have been passed over in silence, but when, as in the present instance, they emanated from the highest judicial seat in the Colony, from whence wisdom, justice, and dignity should flow, it became, as very properly remarked, a matter for public indignation, and compassion and pity for the man, and disapproval of the Judge."

On April 9, 1881, Sir John who had previously resigned his office, left for home on retirement. Before his departure, he was felled by his local admirers, who had gathered to the number of 70 or 80 at St. Andrew's Hall to express their appreciation of his services to the Colony. An address signed by 123 members of the community was read to the departing jurist. It said in part:

"In looking back over the many years of your laborious career there is one matter which we feel assured, you must ever contemplate with special pride and gratification. We allude to the attitude you have firmly maintained towards slavery in whatever form disguised, and the invidious trade in women and children, too often for the most nefarious of purposes, so long carried on in the Colony. The fruition of your work is not yet complete, but the policy you have done so much to inaugurate and carry out will never cease to be honourably associated with your name."

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chestra.Drinking Songs (arr. Williams);
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ther Report.1.02 The Ballyhoolligans and The
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Favourite Favourites, No. 3—
Fox-Trot Medley... The Bally-
hoolligans; That's Gold In Dem
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Headin' Home (film 'Here Comes
the Band')... The Hill Billies; The
Ballyhoolligans Make Whoopies—Fox-
Trot Medley... The Ballyhoolligans.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press;
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.1.40 Variety.
Orchestra—España—Waltz (Wald-
teufel); Custard—Waltz (Willy
Richard); Barnabas Von Gezy
and His Orchestra; Vocal—Whisper
In The Dark (film 'Artists and
Models'); I Will Pray (Nichols)...
Frances Day (Soprano); Piano—
Mine Alone—Slow Fox-Trot; Day
In—Day Out—Quickstep... Gerry
Moore; Vocal—In Your Eyes I Can
Read Romance (Niederberger-Hel-
ler); I am Yours Alone (Willemski-
Van Aalen)... Joseph Schmidt
(Tenor); Orchestra—Firefly. Selection
... Louis Levy and His Gau-
mont-British Symphony.

2.15 Close Down.

2.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Dance Music.
Fox-Trot—Slavery Moon And
Golden Sands; Quick-Step—You
Can't Stop Me From Dreaming...
Henry Jacques and His Correct
Dance Tempo Orchestra; Tango—Se
Lo L'Elevant Le Pannache... Or-
chestra Tipica Francisco Canaro; Fox-
Trot—Manhattan Holiday... Jack
Harris and His Orchestra.7.15 London Relay—Take Your
Choice—Presented by William Mac-
Lure."Introduction"—The Orchestra;
"Under City Lights"—brief glimpses
in song at a London Cabaret; Tales
of Ben Bigg No. 8: A series of Com-
mercial Rumours written by Lauri
Wyllie; The Banglalore Man; Wan-
derings in song and melody; The
Spinner of Death Episode 6—The
House on the Breeze; "Yours
Sincerely"—The Orchestra.7.45 London Relay—A Theme
And A Song This week: Whistling
Songs.The Boy, The Girl, and the Trio
with Josef Marais and His Band. The
performance presented by William
MacLure.

7.55 Dance Record.

Waltz—Sympathy (film Firefly)

... Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.8.03 Studio—Albert A. Barton
(Baritone) accompanied by Nura
Kant (Piano).The Gay Highway (Frederick
Drummond); 2. There is a Ladye
(Winifred Burry); 3. O Flower Divine
(Pat Thayer); 4. I Travel the Road
(Hayden Wood); 5. Tally Ho! (Franco
Leoni); 6. Bless the Children (Ed-
ward Nichol).8.25 Studio—Recital by Ettore
Pellegatti ('Cello' accompanied by
Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).Sonata in A Major (Boccherini);
Concerto in B Minor (Gottschalk);
8.00 Relay of the Band of 2nd Bn.
The Royal Welch Fusiliers from the
Peninsula Hotel, Farewell Concert.
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T. F. YONG HAS A HARD TASK AHEAD OF HIM DRAW OF BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

(By "Abe")

Judging by the draw, made yesterday evening, of the local Badminton Championships, M. A. Oliveira, P. H. Wong (holder), P. K. Hui and T. F. Yong have obviously been "seeded" in the Singles, but all four cannot be regarded as certain of reaching the semi-finals.

In the top half, Oliveira and Wong have no opposition at all, and it seems certain that they will clash in the penultimate round. But in the bottom half are several good men who may provide one or two surprises. Hui is fortunate in that he has only to beat either F. Tsang or J. A. Chen to get into the semi-final, and that he will do so is a foregone conclusion. I am not so sure of T. F. Yong, however. If Au beats J. L. Anderson—and this match appears to be the best of the first-round ties—he should give a very good account of himself, and it would not surprise me in the least to see him overcome the University stalwart.

Personally I think that the semi-finalists will be M. A. Oliveira v. P. H. Wong, and P. K. Hui v. C. Au.

In the Doubles, the four pairs which have been "seeded" appear to be P. H. Wong and C. Au, L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva, P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, and M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios.

Here again, I am not sure that these four combinations will enter the semi-finals. P. H. Wong and C. Au, P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, and M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios are almost certain of doing so, the only doubtful pair being L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva. The reason why I doubt the claims of Carvalho and Silva is that in their second round match they will probably have to meet C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee, of the University, who are the best pair in the first round. Carvalho and Silva, however, are regarded in some quarters as the best doubles combination at the Club de Recreio, M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios notwithstanding.

LIKELY FINALISTS

The semi-finalists will very likely be Wong and Au v. Lee and Lee, and Carvalho and Silva v. Hui and Yong v. Oliveira and Remedios.

Unless I am very much mistaken, nothing short of a miracle will prevent Wong and Au from meeting Hui and Yong in the final.

The most open event is the Mixed Doubles, in which several good pairs are participating. P. H. Wong is making his first attempt here and will be partnered by Miss M. Cheung, who turned out for the C.R.C. before. As holders, P. K. Hui and Miss U. Khoo will be established as favourites, but in J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro, M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, Wong and Miss Cheung, and J. L. Anderson and Miss Griffiths, the champions will find serious opposition.

The draw resulted as follows:

MEN'S SINGLES

M. A. Oliveira, bye; S. Y. Hon. v. A. L. Fisher, N. A. E. Mackay v. S. W. Clark; Patrick Wong, bye.
P. K. Hui, bye; F. Tsang v. J. A. Chen; J. L. Anderson v. C. Au, T. F. Yong, bye.

MEN'S DOUBLES

P. H. Wong and C. Au, bye; J. A. Chen and F. Tsang v. F. Kwok and G. A. Smith; N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan v. C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee; L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva, bye.

P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong, bye; P. Wilson and N. Smith v. S. W. Clark and A. L. Fisher; H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves v. P. Y. Lo and J. Tsang; M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios, bye.

MIXED DOUBLES

P. H. Wong and Miss M. Cheung (bye) v. H. A. Barros and Miss A. Wright (bye); J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths v. A. Keown and Miss I. Cunningham; H. A. Alves and Mrs. Castro v. M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva; P. K. Hui and Miss U. Ribeiro; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark (bye); L. A. Carvalho and Miss A. C. Remedios (bye) v. J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro (bye).

OPENING PROGRAMME

The opening programme will be played on Wednesday, February 16 when the following matches will be played at the Club de Recreio:
0.30 F. Tsang v. J. A. Chen (Singles).

7.00 N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chen v. C. K. Lee and C. O. Lee (Doubles).
7.30 J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths v. A. Keown and Miss I. Cunningham (Mixed Doubles).

9.00 S. Y. Hon. v. A. L. Fisher (Singles).

R.W.V. Robins And Middlesex

"I am not yet in a position to say whether it is possible for me to carry on for another full season. It goes without saying that I would very much like to."

This was the reply made by R. W. V. Robins to a statement made recently that "his captaincy of Middlesex next season can be taken for granted."

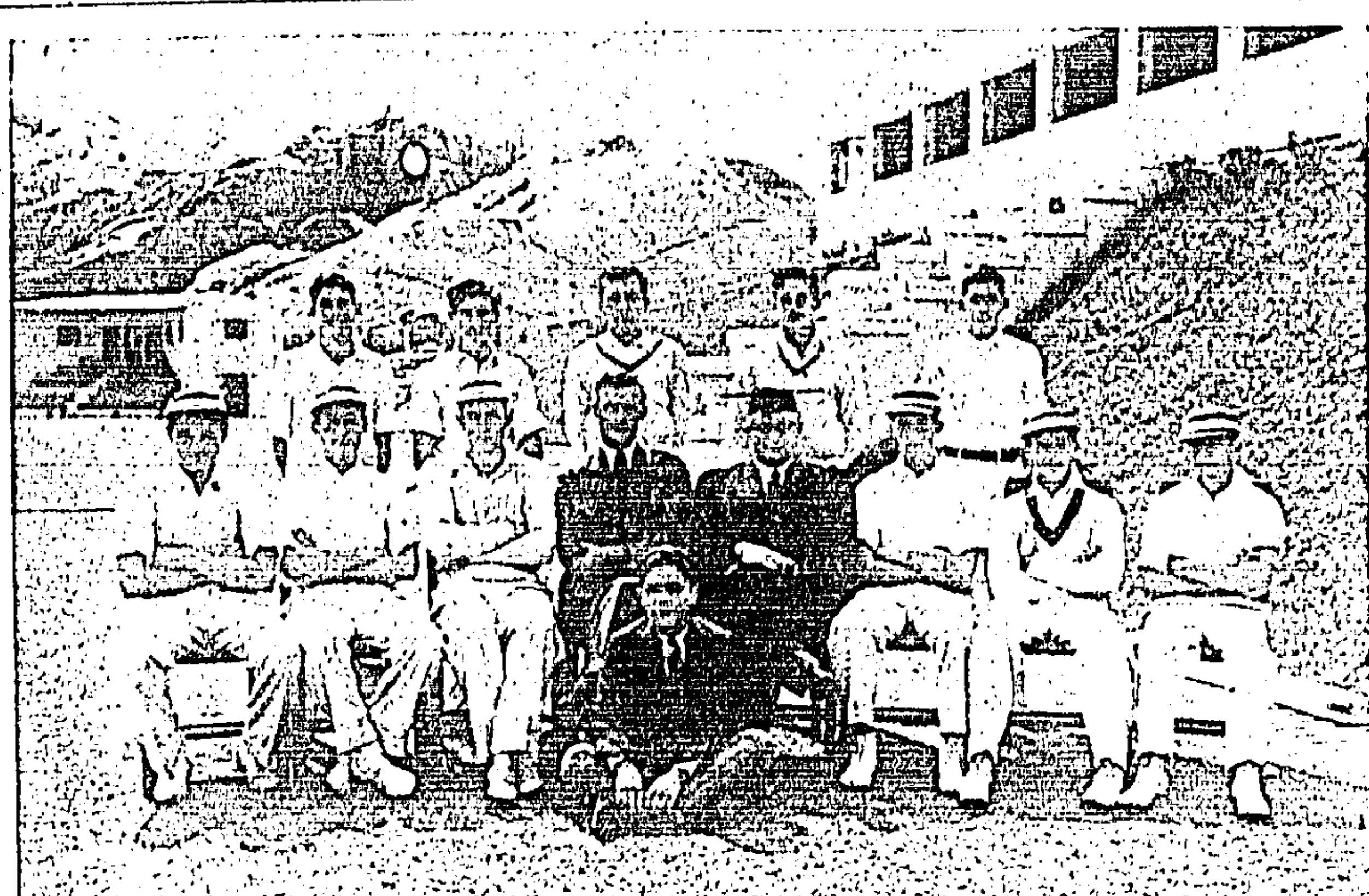


Photo taken recently of the Central British School cricket team. Seated in the centre are the Rev. G. E. S. Upsell (Headmaster) and Mr. W. Mulcahy. (Photo: King's Studio).

THIS CUP FOOTBALL IS A GRIM BUSINESS Failure Will Cost Arsenal £10,000

By Arbiter (Frank M. Carruthers)

To every Cup-tie hangs a story of hope and tribulation. The winning players feel their feet on the road leading to Wembley, while for the club victory means at least another gate and possibly great prosperity.

Pity the beaten team. Their hopes have been rudely shattered and they have the dejection of failure.

Truly Cup football is a desperately serious business by which the lives of men and clubs are shaped.

For the club defeat probably means pinching and scraping to balance the budget or to keep the bank overdraft down to the minimum.

League gates are likely to slump immediately unless a bid can be made for the championship. Only winning teams attract the crowds, and to go out of the Cup competition means to go out of favour.

THE WORST FEATURE

This is the worst feature of all. Clubs compete knowing that they are entering on a huge gamble and so serious is the loss of prestige when they are knocked out that they are often left to reflect that they would have been better off if they had not taken part in the event.

It is inevitable too that the troubles of the clubs become the misfortunes of the players. In order that money may be raised, some of them probably have to be transferred. Or they may have to submit to a reduction of their wages during the summer, or their suspension.

I recall a club chairman addressing the men to this effect on the eve of a cup-tie: "I am sorry to tell you that we are hard up, and if you want to be signed on again in May you must earn the money to pay your wages. Your only chance is to get it through the Cup, and in your interests as well as ours I hope you will take it."

HIGHLY DANGEROUS

It was a highly dangerous warning, because many matches have

A New Swimming Record

Copenhagen, Feb. 8.

The Danish ladies' swimming team, including Ragnhild Hveger, holder of six world's records, established a new world figure of 4 mins. 29.7 seconds for the four-times-100-metres free style relay to-day, beating by 3.1 seconds the previous record by the Dutch national team.—*Reuter*.

been lost through men trying too hard to win. In this case the players made a magnificent response, and by the success they achieved opened up a new era for the club.

These conditions obtain in every tie to be played on Saturday, even to the clubs of the First Division.

If the Arsenal are knocked out by Bolton Wanderers it may be equivalent to a penalty of £10,000, and even more unless they remain in the running for the League championship.

The development of the competition until it now regularly produces about £225,000 has created these huge financial responsibilities, and they are unavoidable.

To the public whose interest is only in the play and the progress of the clubs they are of little concern, but they may have a far reaching influence and perhaps contribute to the many surprises which Cup football creates.

ONE MORE RECORD BRADMAN GOES ON AND ON

When he was dismissed for 54 in the Sheffield Shield match against Victoria recently Bradman had scored 6,280 runs in Sheffield Shield cricket. This is 6 runs better than the previous record, which was established by Clem Hill.

It was made in about half the time, however, and it seems likely that the figures that will be established by Bradman before he retires will assume gigantic proportions.

He needs only about 30 runs to establish new figures in first-class cricket. Hill now holds that record, with 17,221 runs.

There are few records now remaining for Bradman to better, but there is one that Bradman will not establish for some time. That is the longest age of a player in first-class cricket. Dr. W. G. Grace played his last first-class game when he was aged 59 years, so he has to wait 30 years to break that record!

The feature of the match was the bowling of Pleetwood-Smith, who took eight of the nine wickets that fell.

(Since then, Bradman has bettered Clem Hill's second record).

JOE HULME LEAVES ARSENAL

By Charles Buchan

London, Jan. 7.

Arsenal, for seasons regarded as the team of all the talents, last night threw a bombshell into the Soccer world by the announcement that Joe Hulme, their international outside-right, had been transferred to Huddersfield.

He is the fifth player to leave Arsenal for other clubs during the past few weeks.

The others are: Bowden to Newcastle, Davidson to Coventry, Biggs to Heart of Midlothian, Milne to Middlesbrough.

Petersen Will Fight Again

"IF I GET REASONABLE OFFER"

London, Jan. 9.

JACK PETERSEN IS COMING BACK TO THE RING. He made this clear to the *Sunday Chronicle* last night while all the boxing world was discussing his refusal to accept a £20,000 contract offered by his father on behalf of a syndicate.

Jack Petersen, former heavy-weight champion of Great Britain, has been on the retired list since last April, when a London eye specialist advised him to give up fighting because of the danger to his sight.

"I will certainly return to the boxing game," said Jack, "if and when I get a reasonable offer."

"I would be a fool to turn down an offer of this kind."

"If a promoter comes along with an offer I shall certainly consider it."

"Why did I refuse my father's offer? Simply because it was not good enough."

"It was a contract for 12 months, but no stipulation was made as to the number of fights."

A TEMPTING OFFER

"An offer of £20,000 for a single contest, which it was reported was made to me the other day, is the type of offer I should consider."

"A return to the ring might harm my eyes, but I should have to take the risk."

"Since my retirement I have been keeping fit, and it would take me about two months to get back into boxing trim."

PHENOMENAL RISE OF TABLE TENNIS OVER 70,000 PLAYERS IN BRITAIN ALONE

London, January 16.

ADD together a fourpenny celluloid ball, a 3s. 6d. wooden bat, a large table, and a strip of green netting about 6in. high, and the result is a game that:

Has more than 70,000 players in Britain.
Brings the teams of 16 nations to London.
Draws 90,000 spectators, who pay £5,000 to watch one week's play.

Such is the rise in popularity of a game played by children on a parlour table a score of years ago. It is no longer "ping-pong," but table tennis, one of the world's major sports.

The 4,000 clubs in the English Table Tennis Association each pay 3s. 6d. a year. And with a total revenue of £3,000 a central office in London is maintained, and a magazine published.

In 1926 the first international championship matches were held in London. Six nations competed. The "gate" money was £150. This year, from January 24 to 29, 16 nations are sending their teams to London. The Albert Hall and the Empire Pool at Wembley have been secured for the occasion.

CHAMPION'S HANDICAP

Seats cost up to 10s. 6d., and judging by advance bookings, it is expected that "standing-room only" signs will be used for the finals.

Eire and Northern Ireland are combining in sending over an all-Ireland team. Egypt is sending a team for the first time.

G. V. Barna, the Hungarian world champion, has been playing match table tennis for the last ten years, and is now 26.

Well, am now thinking of retiring," he told the *Sunday Chronicle* yesterday. "I am too old for the competitive game. I am putting on weight, which is a handicap in a game that needs speed."

But whoever aspires to be the new champion has to beat him, age or no age.

It must have cost Arsenal at least £17,000 to sign these five players to their pay-roll.

Joe Hulme, in addition to having seven English international Soccer caps to his credit, is also a cricketer of distinction, having on four occasions scored over a thousand runs in a season for the premier Middlesex county side.

Hulme also shines at golf, for which he has a handicap of six, and can readily run up a break of over 100 at billiards.

NO WORD FROM TILDEN

Local Officials Not Sure If He Is Coming

(By "Abe")

Since last September no word has been received from "Big Bill" Tilden as to whether he is bringing his troupe of tennis professionals to Hongkong for a series of exhibition matches.

Though it is known that he and three other pro's, Henri Cochet, A. Burke and R. Ramillon, will appear in Manila in exhibitions on February 10, 12 and 13, Tilden has not informed the Hongkong L.T.A. when he is coming here, if at all.

When he wrote to the local L.T.A. asking whether it would be all right for him to bring a professional team to the Colony, Hongkong officials wrote back in the affirmative and promised him the necessary support.

Mr. C. J. Tatchell, Hon. Secretary of the H.K.L.T.A., informed me yesterday that Tilden had not replied to his letter, and until a reply was received here, nothing could be done as regards arrangements.

According to the Malaya newspapers, Tilden and his troupe will be in Singapore at the end of the month, and it also appears that they will also play at Kuala Lumpur. It is almost certain, therefore, that even if Tilden does intend to bring his troupe to Hongkong, it will be sometime in March.

But at present, nothing is definite.

NOVELTY RECORDS ON

COLUMBIA PATHE AND REGAL

- "ACCORDEON DUETS"
FB1728—Viennese Waltz MedleyDestifano Brothers.
"Accordeon Tango."
FB1013—Indian Love CallTolleson, Rose Marie.
"HAWAIIAN"
BC20047—Holoholo KanRay Kinney with MacIntyres.
Lovely Night Blooming CereusHarmony Hawaiians.
BC10000—To You Sweetheart, Aloha
Dancing Under The Stars
"YODEL"
MR2519—My Guitar and MeHarry Torral.
Yodel and Smile.
MR2580—Yodeling ErikHarry Torral.
Yodeling to Caroling.
"HILL BILLIES"
MR2520—Drifting Down The Golden River.
Evening by The Moonlight.
MR2584—In The Moonlight's Glow.
Climbing Up The Golden Stairs.
"TANGOS"
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Hockey team of the Central British School, taken recently on the school grounds. Seated in the centre are the Rev. G. E. S. Upsell (Headmaster) and Mr. D. McEellan. (Photo: King's Studio).

Baseballers Want Higher Salaries

Lou Gehrig Now Holding Out

New York, Feb. 8. Lou Gehrig, the hard-hitting first-baseman of the New York Yankees, conferred with Col. Ruppert, owner of the baseball outfit, to-day and refused an offer of \$30,000 for the 1938 season.

Col. Ruppert in turn refused Gehrig's request for \$41,000.

Following the interview, Col. Ruppert said, "There's a two-fun man right there for you to handle, I am through." He was referring to Gehrig's recent acting in western movies—United Press.

Gehrig was once given a screen test for the role of "Tarzan" in the famous series.

Joe DiMaggio recently also had trouble with the Yankees regarding the terms of his contract. He was offered \$25,000 but he held out for \$30,000. He has not yet signed.

ICE HOCKEY LEAGUES

Boston And Toronto In The Lead

New York, Feb. 8. The following are the standings of teams in the Ice Hockey Leagues:

AMERICAN DIVISION

Team	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Boston	20	9	4	44
Rangers	18	9	5	41
Chicago	9	17	5	25
Detroit	8	10	8	24

CANADIAN DIVISION

Team	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Toronto	16	9	7	39
Canadians	13	12	8	34
Americans	10	13	7	27
Moroons	10	16	4	24

—United Press.

NEW ZEALAND TENNIS

Wellington, Feb. 8. A. D. Brown won the men's singles tennis championship of New Zealand to-day by beating R. Paterson 6-0, 7-5, 6-1.

Miss Margaret Beverley won the women's title, defeating Miss D. Miller 6-2, 8-6.—Reuter Bulletin.

BRITAIN'S TOP 20 TENNIS STARS Many Young Players Coming On

By F. H. Burrow

London, Dec. 26.

The last issue of *The Observer* for 1937 appears to be as suitable an occasion as any for taking a look at the performances of English players during the year and considering their relative position, based on those performances. I think it must be at least a dozen years since I first began to publish a Ranking List of my own in *The Observer*—some years, at any rate, before any official Ranking Lists were published by the L.T.A.

That I should have gone on doing, now that an official list is annually published, would seem superfluous; but I do not feel inclined to discontinue my custom, because I continue to receive so many inquiries as to when my ranking list will be published that it is evident that it is of interest to many players of the game.

Those who take the trouble to compare the list given below with this year's official list published by the L.T.A. a couple of months ago, will note that there is much less variation between them than has been the case in some recent years. Indeed, eleven out of the L.T.A.'s twelve and of the first twelve in my list, are the same players, though not quite in the same order. The similarity may be accounted for partly because the L.T.A. has extended the scope of its basis of calculation, which does not now, as it did formerly, consist only of the play in the six "summer" months, whereas I have always taken into calculation the play of the whole year, which seemed to me to be the logical basis for compiling an annual ranking list.

The L.T.A. compilers have not yet taken quite so comprehensive a view, but they have added certain competitions, such as the Covered Courts Championship and the Inter-County Hard-court Championships to their list of play to be noted. Partly, also, because there has really been singularly little variation in form among our players from the previous year; and the form of nearly all those of the first dozen or so who follow H. W. Austin has been so in-and-out that it is almost impossible to separate them. The L.T.A. list does, indeed, separate them, with the exception of the two players on its list who jointly occupy the twelfth place; but I have preferred to bracket two or three or more players together because I consider

PERSEVERE

I include twenty players in my list, as against the twelve of the L.T.A. I feel sure (because in the course of a season I hear a good deal to this effect) that ranking lists are a real incentive to improvement. Yet a player may improve a lot in the year's play and still fail to get into a list of twelve. This may discourage him especially if he has beaten some of those who are included; but if he finds himself in my list it will show him that his improvement has been noticed by one who is in close touch with tournaments and tournament players, and encourage him to persevere. Inclusion in my list one year, I have noticed, has often led to inclusion in the L.T.A.'s list the following year.

With the necessary proviso that the list given below does, and can, indicate my personal opinions only, and that it does not carry any official sanction of any kind whatever, I subjoin it—

1. H. W. Austin (2).
2. C. E. Hare (6).
3. C. R. D. Tuckey (10).
4. D. W. Butler (6).
5. H. F. David (—).
6. H. G. N. Lee (3).
7. R. A. Shays (19).
8. F. H. D. Wilde (3).
9. C. M. Jones (10).
10. McPhail (—).
11. J. S. Olliff (10).

SHIPPING FOOTBALL RIVALRY

Cup Donated By Thornycrofts

An interesting football match was played last Sunday between Empress of Asia and Empress of Japan on Kowloon Football Ground.

Mr. R. R. Roxburgh, representative for Thornycrofts, donated a cup, "The Thornycroft Cup," to be competed for between the "White Empresses."

At half time, in the presence of C.P.R. officials, Mr. Roxburgh presented the cup to the ships.

Mr. C. B. Ross, purser of the Empress of Asia, expressed on behalf of Captain Gould, commander of the Empress of Asia, and the ship's complement, appreciation for the kindly gesture of Thornycrofts in offering an incentive for friendly competition between the vessels during each annual event in Hongkong.

Mr. J. A. Moir, of the Empress of Japan, thanked Thornycrofts through Mr. Roxburgh for its sporting interest.

The Empress of Japan defeated the Empress of Asia 3-2. This was the first leg in the competition. The ship remains in Hongkong until the ship's team scoring the highest number of goals in one match can claim possession.

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| 12. | H. Billington (10). |
| | E. C. Peters (6). |
| | N. Sharpe (6). |
| 15. | M. D. Deleford (6). |
| 16. | E. J. David (—). |
| | E. J. Filby (—). |
| | R. J. Ritchie (15). |
| 19. | G. R. B. Meredith (15). |
| | P. V. V. Sherwood (10). |

(N.B.—The figures in brackets show the places which the players named occupied in my list for 1937).

Four players—F. J. Perry, G. P. Hughes, E. R. Avery, and J. L. Chamberlain—disappeared from my last year's list. Perry having "gone over" and the other three having played too little competitive tennis to make it possible to estimate their present form. They are replaced by H. F. and E. J. David, E. J. Filby, and the Scottish champion, D. McPhail. (R. K. Tinkler would have found a place if business had not prevented him from playing more than a very little).

Austin, naturally, stands alone as No. 1 in the list. It is a close thing between Hare and Tuckey for second place: Hare the more brilliant, Tuckey the more reliable. Still Hare, at his best, has proved himself able to beat players whom Tuckey might hardly be able to tackle, and (again at his best) he would seem to deserve the higher place. This would undoubtedly be his if he could learn to keep his head at critical moments, and to time the conduct of his matches better.

A PUZZLE

Then comes a block of five whom I find impossible to separate. Most of them have met each other more than once during the year, not always with the same result. Of the five, Shays is certainly the most improved during the year; he is now so strong a player that, when he has learnt to concentrate more, he should be quite a possible candidate for Davis Cup play. Butler has also come on a good deal; Lee and David retain their old form remarkably well; and Wilde, when he chooses, can be very good indeed. Why singles should appear to bore him, unless under perfect conditions, is a puzzle. In the next block of three Jones has hardly fulfilled the promise of the early part of the year: he played himself stale and lost his form. McPhail has strengthened his game very much; he is close on the heels of those above him. And Olliff has played better, and less casually, than for some time past. Another block of three includes Billington, Peters, and Sharpe—three young and very promising players, and two almost veterans, whom most young players may regard it as a great feather in their cap if they can defeat. Deleford, who comes next, has not had at all a good year: I had high hopes of him after his 1936 season, but he has done little to encourage them. Of the three bracketed sixteenth, Filby had one glorious week when he beat in succession two strong American players and Tuckey, but he has done almost nothing good since the early summer. E. J. David has played well this year, and so has Ritchie at times. My list ends with two players, Sherwood and Meredith, who, had they more opportunities for play, would be much higher up in the list. I look to Shays, Butler, McPhail, and Billington to show a further advance in 1937, and with confidence.

Tickets For The Tests On Sale For Oval Game

By Ronald T. Symond

London, Jan. 5. Tickets for reserved seats at the final Test match, to be played between England and Australia at the Oval, starting on August 20, are now on offer to the general public.

Already tickets to the value of £5,000 have been sold through Surrey County Cricket Club members and to Australia. The cost of seats varies from 4s. 6d. to 12s. per day, according to position. These prices include entertainment tax, but not admission to the ground, which is 3s. a day.

A special form of application, giving full particulars, together with a plan of the ground and seating accommodation, has been prepared, and can be obtained from the Secretary, Surrey C.C.C., Kennington Oval, S.E. 11.

No applications are considered unless made on this appropriate form, and no single purchaser may buy more than four seats for any one day.

For the second Test match, beginning on June 24, at Lord's reserved seats will be sold to the public on and after March 1. Prices range from 6s. 6d. to 15s. 6d. per day (including admission to the ground and tax). Admission only, as at the Oval, will be 3s., while 2s. 6d. a day will be charged for the Test matches at Nottingham (June 10), Manchester (July 8), and Leeds (July 22). Arrangements for the sale of reserved seats at these matches will be made known later.

WHERE MONEY GOES

Money received from the Test match is distributed as follows: One half of the money paid for admission, less tax, is taken by the visiting team. The remaining half of the gate money, plus all receipts from stands, less tax, is available for distribution to the English counties after the deduction of all expenses incurred in connection with the matches.

The sum finally available for home distribution is, under present arrangements, divided: 60 per cent. to the first-class counties and the C.C.C. 30 per cent. to those clubs or whose grounds the matches have been played, and 10 per cent. to the minor counties.

Recently the report of the Findlay Commission suggested that the sum available be distributed on a different basis, but there is much uncertainty as to the likelihood of any substantial change being made.

RECEIPTS IN 1934

Gate receipts during the last Australian tour in England (1934) were as follows:

County	£	s.	d.
Nottingham	214	569	14
Lord's	23	225	0
Manchester	16	227	11
Leeds	15	633	5
Oval	18	658	0

A grand total of £89,313 12s. 5d. was thus obtained, and each first-class county received approximately £1,500. The clubs on whose grounds the matches were played received proportionately larger sums.

SPORT ADVTS.

EXHIBITION MATCHES.

Saturday, 19.2.38 Corinthians vs. S.C.A.A.

Sunday, 20.2.38 Corinthians vs. United Services.

Saturday, 26.2.38 Corinthians vs. Civilians.

Sunday, 27.2.38 Corinthians vs. All Hong Kong.

All the matches will be played at Caroline Hill commencing each day at 4.00 p.m.

Prices of admission to reserved seats:

First and Last Match: Covered Stand and Pavilion \$3.00. Uncovered Stand \$2.20.

Second and Third Match: Covered Stand and Pavilion \$2.20. Uncovered Stand \$1.50.

Season Ticket (available for four matches) \$7.50.

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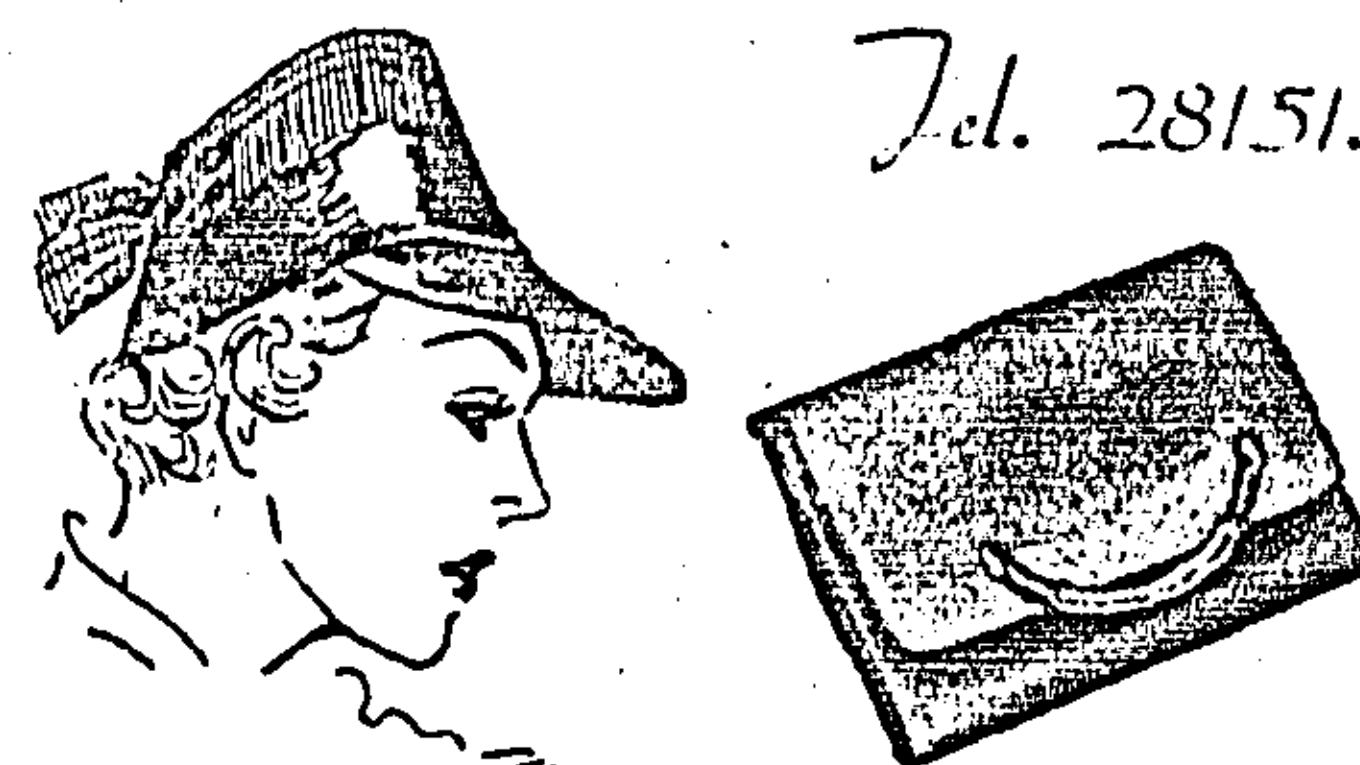
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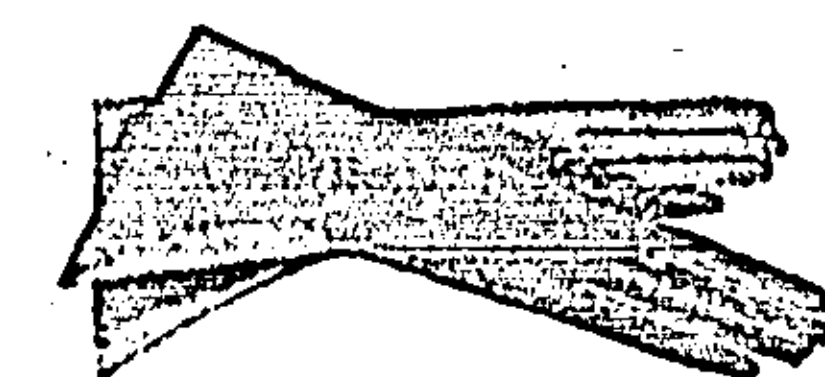
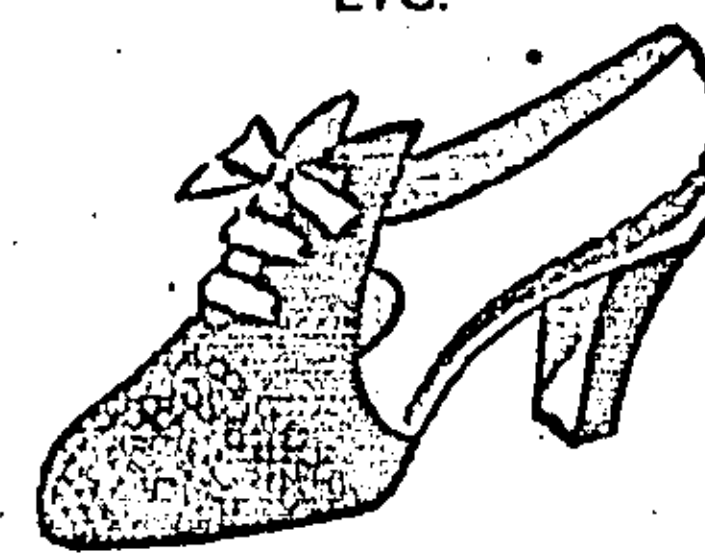
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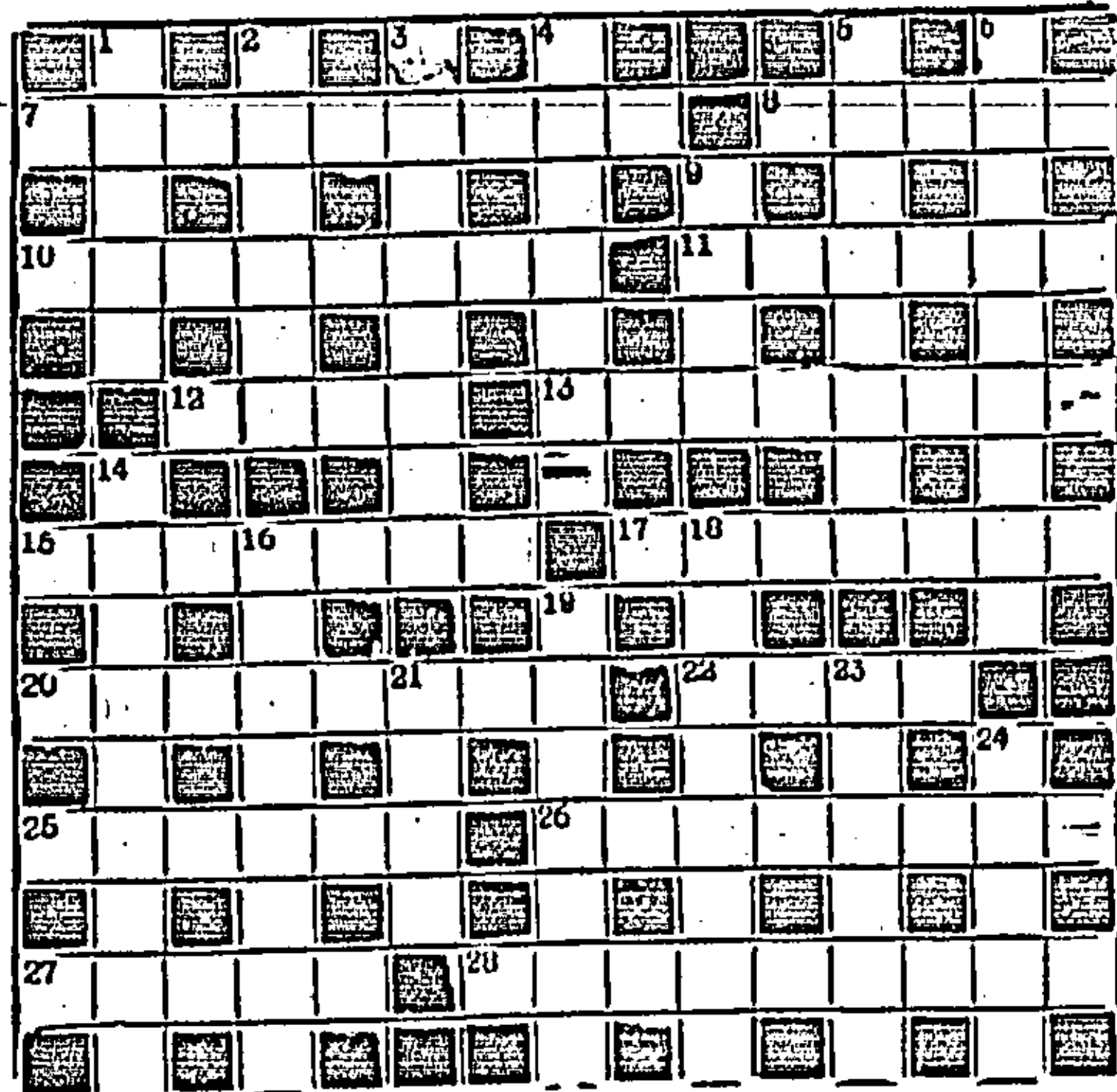
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- 8 An artist made an offer, furious (5)
- 10 This musical note might be anybody's fancy (8)
- 11 A little fellow starts to call in question (6)
- 12 A poet is dull being upset (4)
- 13 Ancestors that suggest a Zoo enclosure (8)
- 15 Cloth for an umbrella perhaps (7)
- 17 No, this official has not the power to let a man out on his head (7)
- 20 Feeble-mindedness (8)
- 22 Artists often, draw this spot in Ireland (4)
- 25 Canopy, coin, or car expert from the street (6)
- 26 Beneficial (8)
- 27 "This precious set in the silver sea... this England" ("Richard III") (6)
- 28 Bouts perhaps the hunter's skill (8)

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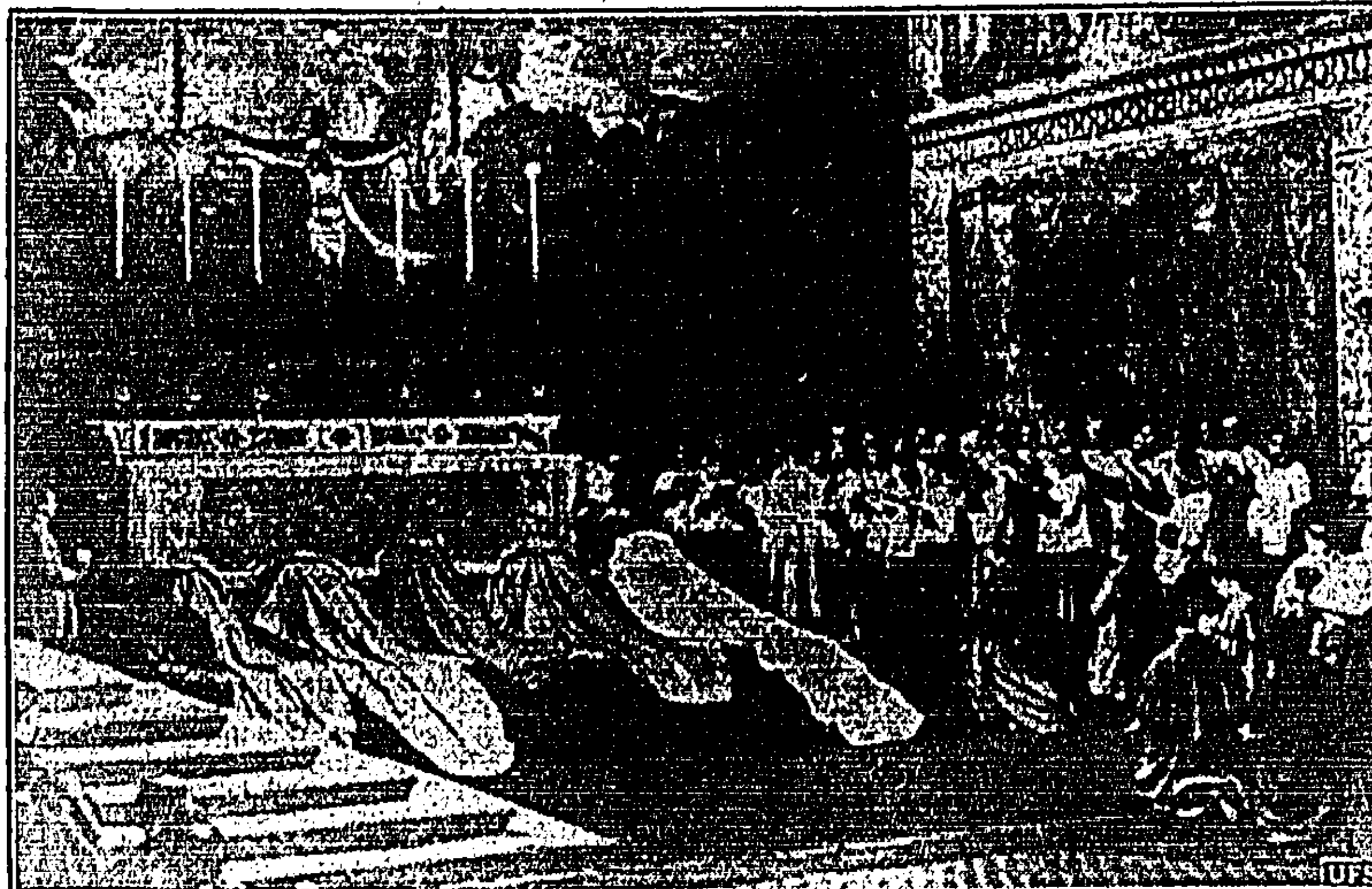
- 1 This sort of musical note is the making of musical instruments (8)
- 2 Artisan, or racehorse (6)
- 3 These creatures can live on land or in the water (6)
- 4 It is one of the family's little quarts that is the making of this quadruped (7)

- 5 There have been many famous men and one famous actress of this name (looks possibly useful for people under canvas) (8)
- 6 The skill of the boxer not of the jeweller (6)
- 9 Masonry between windows (4)
- 14 Does the pursuer give this to a passenger he wants to shun? (two words—4, 5)
- 16 Salutation said for Scots (8)
- 18 This blow might be the making of you, Sir (8)
- 19 Hearing someone is talking of him? (7)
- 21 A sweet but it apparently needs sugar (4)
- 23 This vessel may have still uses (6)
- 24 Current progress (5)

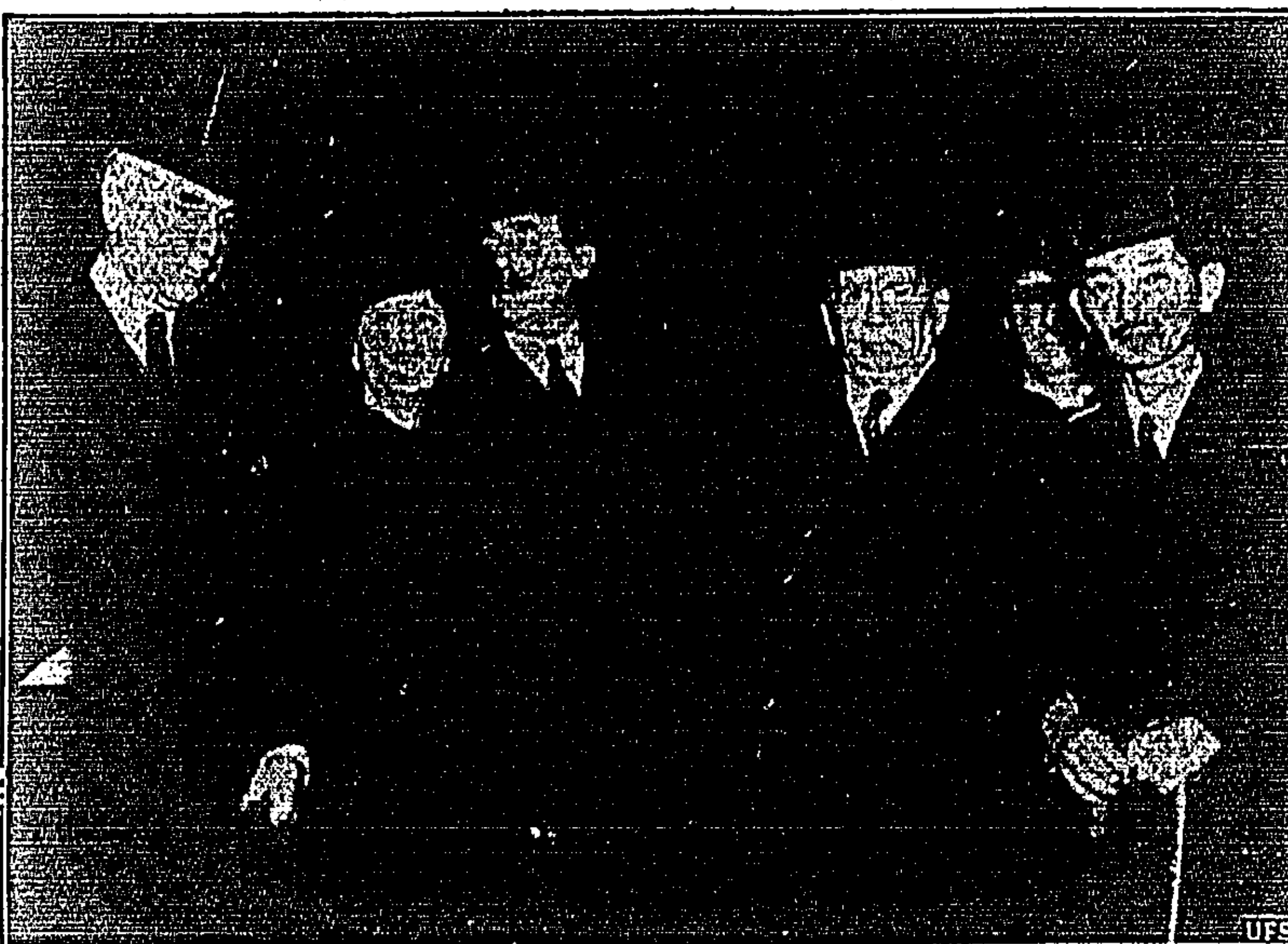
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DIPLOMATS AT KELLOGG RITES—High American and foreign diplomats were present at the funeral of the late Frank B. Kellogg, former Secretary of State and Ambassador to Great Britain, in Washington Cathedral. Among them, shown above, were: Secretary of State and Mrs. Cordell Hull; Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador; Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper and Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Satō. They are shown leaving the Cathedral.



FUTURE NOISE RULERS—Here is a new and exclusive picture of Crown Prince Olaf and his wife, Princess Martha, with their children, Princess Astrid, left, Prince Harald and Princess Ragnhild. It is expected that some day Prince Olaf will succeed his father, King Haakon VII, as Norway's ruler. Princess Martha was a sister of the late Queen Astrid of Belgium.

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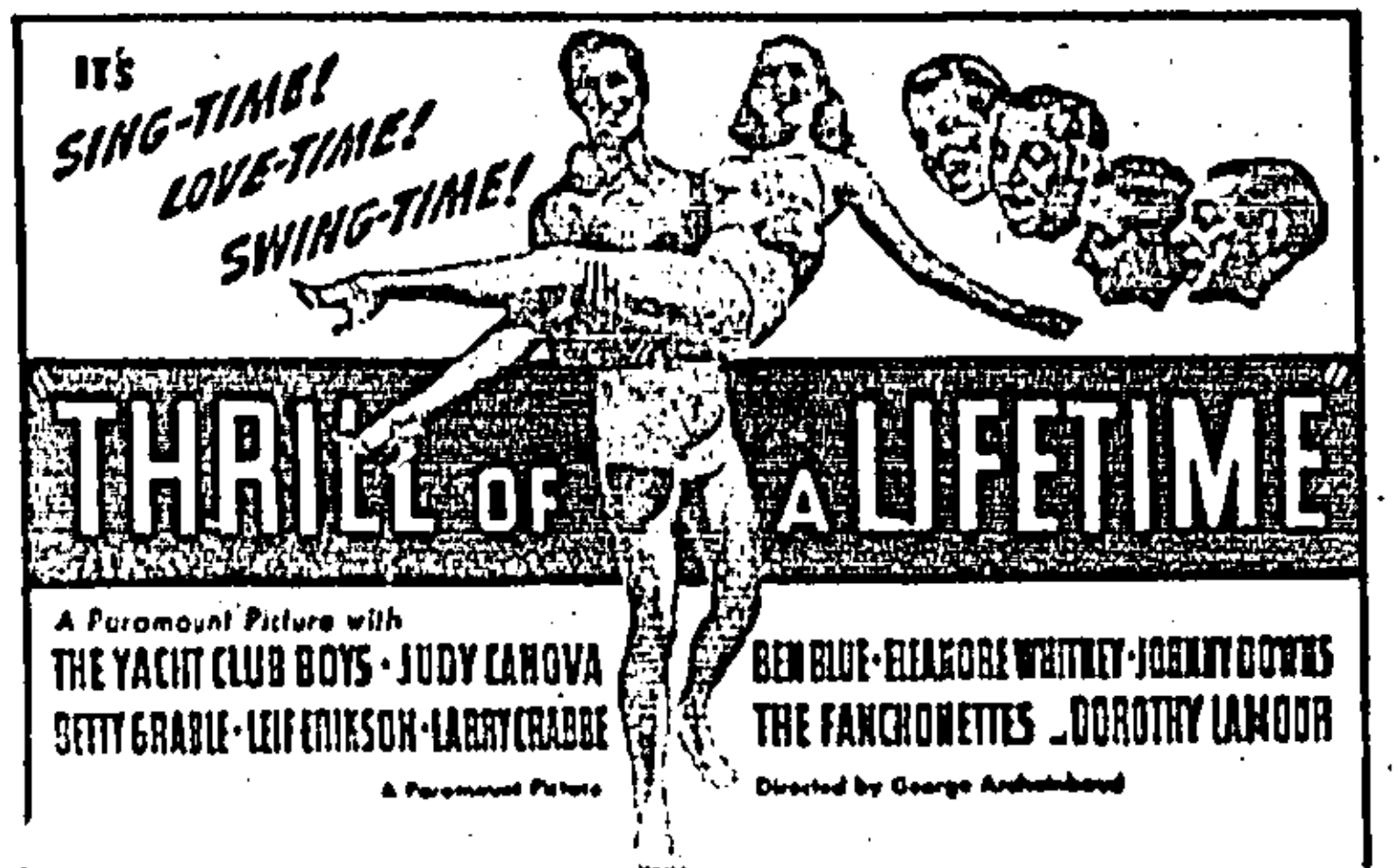
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Lam Muk-kwal, 17, who had been found a job by the police after he had been given a chance to redeem himself by the Court when he had been charged with theft, was again in custody this morning. He was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy with the theft of four woollen coats, a woollen jacket and a pair of European style trousers, valued altogether at \$18, from his master, Dr. Wong Che-to, at No. 58 Sai Tai Street, Shaukiwan, between December 19, 1937, and February 1. Lam was additionally charged on three counts of pawning the stolen articles.

Detective-Sergeant J. Bentley said that after defendant had been bound over by the Court for a previous offence, he had been recommended to Dr. Wong. Defendant's downfall had been brought about by his fondness for gambling.

Lam was sentenced to a month's hard labour for the larceny, and to a week's hard labour on each of the pawning charges, the terms to be served concurrently, and to another month's hard labour for breaking his bond.

Washington, Feb. 8. The Navy Department has announced that Commander J. T. Alexander has assumed the Governorship and Naval Command of Guam, succeeding Captain Benjamin E. McCandlish.

Commander Alexander, who is 50 years of age, holds the Navy Cross for conveying World War troops and supply ships amid mines and submarines.—United Press.

Washington, Feb. 8. Mr. Harry Copeland, Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, which is investigating maritime labour, said to-day that all the evidence indicated that Mr. Harry Bridges, head of the San Francisco maritime unions was a communist, and "that he is a disturbing element in the American Merchant Marine. It would be a blessing if he was deported, as I hope, and believe he will be."—United Press.

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CHINESE GENERAL GIVES OUTLINE OF CHINA'S NEW WAR STRATEGIES

Hankow, Feb. 9.

General Chou En-lai, famed "go-between" for Communists and Central Government armies, described to the press to-day the changed Chinese strategy and foretold a period of wild and dispersed warfare not aimed at defending Hsuehchow but preventing the Japanese from consolidating their positions along the coast and on the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

FOREIGN POLICY IS UNAFFECTED

German Assurances To Franco

Paris, Feb. 8. It is understood that the German Ambassador to Paris has informed Mr. Yvon Delbos that the recent reforms in Germany implied no change in Germany's foreign policy. The President of the French Foreign Affairs Committee stated that he could see nothing to be alarmed over in the change in the German Government, and added that it was doing what Britain, France, the Soviet and other nations had done: in other words to institute a concentration of authority.—Reuter Bulletin.

STOP PRESS

EXPECTS ANOTHER MEDIATION ATTEMPT

General Chou declared that although previous Japanese attempts to obtain mediation had failed "to some extent", he believed if Hsuehchow fell mediation feelers would again be sent out.

He claimed the Japanese have 100,000 men on the Tientsin-Pukow railway line, consisting of four divisions and a few brigades and that they are at present trying to encircle Hsuehchow area, not capture it.

The Japanese are also aiming at Ninghsia, using Mongolian cavalry and planes, in an attempt to cut China's main line of supplies from Sinkiang, he added.—United Press.

88 Smallpox Deaths In Week Here

Out Of 101 Cases Reported

Deaths from smallpox last week totalled 88, the highest weekly total since the commencement of the present outbreak.

These figures bring the total deaths since the beginning of the year to 232, out of 233 cases reported. Last week's mortality rate was particularly high, there being 88 deaths out of 101 cases reported.

Again, practically all of last week's cases occurred in the residential areas of Victoria. Eighty-eight cases were reported from the district, twelve from Kowloon and two each from Shaukiwan, Aberdeen and the New Territories.

A further 27 cases reported during the 48 hours ending midnight yesterday bring the total since the beginning of the year to 360.

Fourteen cases of diphtheria, with nine deaths; eleven cases of meningitis, with four deaths; five cases of dysentery with three deaths; five cases of typhoid, five cases of measles and one case of chickenpox were also reported last week.

28 CASES YESTERDAY

A further 28 cases of small-pox were reported during the 24 hours ending midnight to-day. Twenty-three of these were from Victoria, three from Kowloon and two from Shaukiwan.

"GOOD LUCK" WISH BY OPPOSITION TO EIRE GOVERNMENT

Dublin, Feb. 8. The annual convention of the Coimige Party will be held in private. It is understood that this will be done in order to avoid embarrassing the Eire Government in its present negotiations with the British Government.

One of the first motions on the agenda of the convention is the wishing of every success to the governments in their negotiations.—Reuter Bulletin.

LOTTERY TICKETS BRING FINE

A fine of \$2 was imposed on Wong Ho, 35, unemployed, by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when charged with possession of po-pu lottery tickets.

NO NAVY ALLIANCE FOR U.S.

OFFICIAL DENIAL IN SENATE

Senator Warns Democracies

Washington, Feb. 8. Senator Key Pittman tensely and dramatically read to the Senate to-day Mr. Cordell Hull's letter, which stated "The answer is No!", referring to each of the three questions contained in Senator Hiram Johnson's resolution as to whether there was an understanding or agreement with Britain, whether there was an alliance with any Power, and whether there was an agreement to use the American navy, or an agreement for the navy to patrol certain waters in a certain contingency.

Senator Pittman then moved that the resolution be withdrawn, and Senator Johnson said: "I consider the matter answered, but I do not desire to withdraw."

As a result of this the Senate indefinitely postponed the resolution, which was tantamount to killing it.

DICTATORS CONDEMNED

Earlier on in an unusually frank discussion of international affairs, Senator Pittman said that "world conditions are progressively becoming worse. So-called authorities have been consolidating and strengthening their war instrumentalities, and democratic nations have been progressively retreating with every indication of such courses would have the inevitable result of continued conquests and ultimate war, in which the so-called democracies would be at a disadvantage."

Senator Pittman charged that world conditions had become worse since the Japanese military clique seized rule by "arbitrary power and violence", and he said that Japan was "avoiding" a definite answer to naval construction enquiries. The denial that Japan was planning to build 43,000-ton battleships did not mean that she would not build 42,000 tonners.

Senator Pittman said that the invasion of Manchuria, together with the anti-Comintern Pact, the Fascist co-operation for General Franco in Spain, as well as the Japanese request for the largest war appropriation in history, showed how the dictators were consolidating their war instrumentalities.—United Press.

MR. HULL'S DENIAL

Washington, Feb. 8. Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, in a letter to Senator Key Pittman, denied that the United States had any agreement with Britain "relating to war or the possibility of war." He also denied that the "United States" was bound with any Power in connection with the operations of the United States. Senator Pittman read the letter to the Senate.—Reuter.

Singapore Naval Base Satisfies

Accommodation Is Sufficient

London, Feb. 8. Can the Singapore Naval Base accommodate three 50,000 ton battleships at the same time, was the speculative question put by Mr. R. T. Gorne at question time in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, in reply, said that so far as he was aware, no vessels of that type existed. While it would not be in the public interest to publish details, the British Government was satisfied that the accommodation at Singapore was sufficient for the demands likely to be made on it.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATS' RECEPTION IS CANCELLED

Berlin, Feb. 8. Baron von Neurath's annual reception to the diplomatic corps, fixed for next Sunday and Monday, has been suddenly cancelled.

The official reason is that the reception clashed with other arrangements.—Reuter.

NON-INTERVENTION WORK SPEED-UP

London, Feb. 8. Possible acceleration in the progress of the Non-Intervention Committee, it is understood, was discussed to-day, when Lord Plymouth saw separately at the Foreign Office Mr. Corbin of France, Signor Grandi of Italy and Mr. Ivan Maisky of Russia. Lord Plymouth will see the German Charge d'Affaires to-morrow, and the Non-Intervention Sub-Committee will meet on Friday or early next week.—Reuter.

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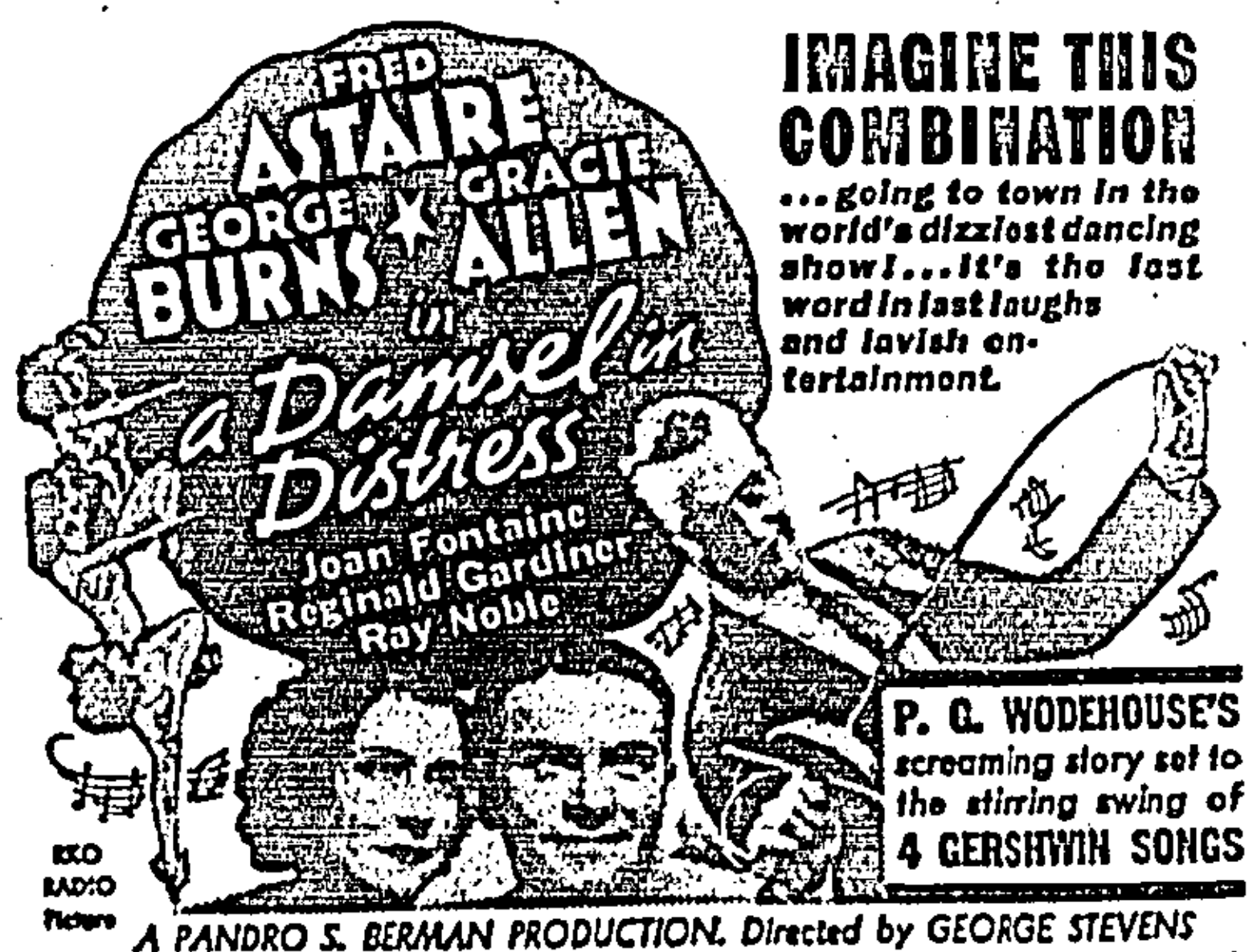


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